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今やBLACKSPOTと呼ばれる無法の街に足をふみ入れた少年　カインを助けたのはなぜか異常に忘れっぽい教会のシスター・アダムだった　。
はたして、彼女の正体は!?
風、火、氷　さまざまな能力を操る<能力者>たちの戦いを描く人気シリーズ、待望の単行本化！

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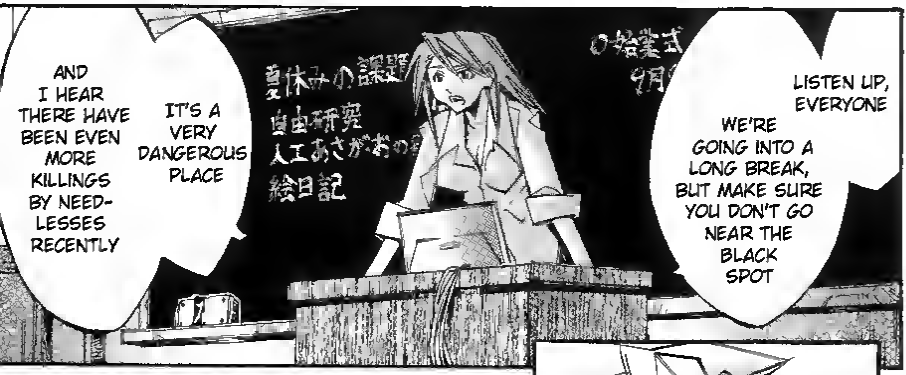
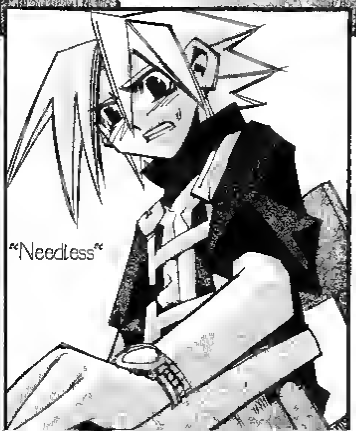
2132 AD
NOW THEN, IN WORLD WAR 3, THE FORMER CAPITAL "TOKYO" TOOK A DEVASTATING AMOUNT OF DAMAGE..
AND BECAME A HUGE CONTAMINATED AREA NOW KNOWN AS A "BLACK SPOT"
NEEDLESS1.5
BUT THE MANY "VULGAR ONES" WITH NO HOME OR JOB THAT THE WAR CREATED ...
TOOK OVER AND BEGAN LIVING IN THAT UNLIVABLE PLACE
AS A RESULT, A DISGUSTING MUTATION SUDDENLY OCCURRED IN THEIR BODIES
THEY ACQUIRED A "CURSED POWER"
THAT'S RIGHT.
PEOPLE REFERRED TO THEM AS...

NEEDLESS 1.5

BUT AT THE SAME TIME THEY BECAME CRAZED SAVAGES
THEIR SUDDEN MUTATION REMOVED THE LIMITERS FROM THEIR BRAINS AND GAVE THEM INHUMAN POWERS


AND I HEAR THERE HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE KILLINGS BY NEED-LESSES RECENTLY
IT'S A VERY DANGEROUS PLACE
LISTEN UP, EVERYONE
WE'RE GOING INTO A LONG BREAK, BUT MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GO NEAR THE BLACK SPOT

LET'S ALL WORK HARD TOWARDS EXTERMINATING THE NEEDLESSES AND...
BRINGING ABSOLUTE PEACE BACK TO JAPAN


"Needless"

HEY, CAIN
BUT YOU GOT SOME FINANCIAL AID OUT OF IT
YOUR FATHER WAS A NEEDLESS AND HE WAS "EXTERMINATED", WASN'T HE?
RIGHT?
WE HEARD ...

GIVE ME SOME MONEY
AH
OKAY?
YOU CAN DO IT RIGHT ?
DON'T TOUCH ME!!

WHAT..?
NO
LET'S JUST STOP
.....
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?
WANT ME TO DO IT?
.....!
.....?
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
HEY, WAIT A SECOND...
EH?
LET'S GO

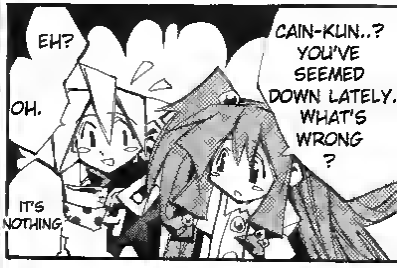
CAIN-KUN!!
OH, SEE-CHAN
ARE YOU OKAY? THOSE 6TH YEARS CAME FOR YOU, DIDN'T THEY? DID THEY HIT YOU?
I'M FINE
THEY DIDN'T HIT ME
They didn't hit me because I said "don't touch me"!?
So I really am...
.....

What do I do...?

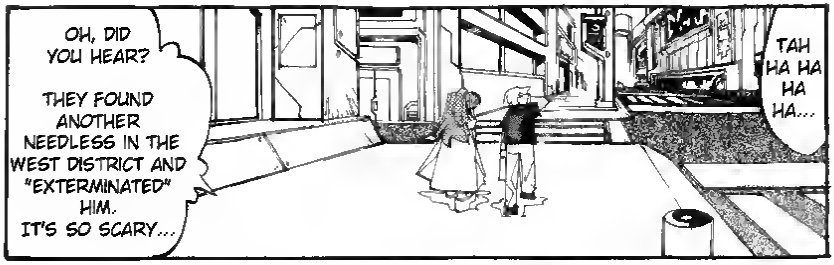
a Needless!!

THIS CREPE...
IS REALLY GOOD

BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONE THAT CAME AND TALKED TO ME WHEN I TRANSFERRED TO THE SCHOOL AND WAS ALL ALONE
I'VE CARED ABOUT YOU EVER SINCE

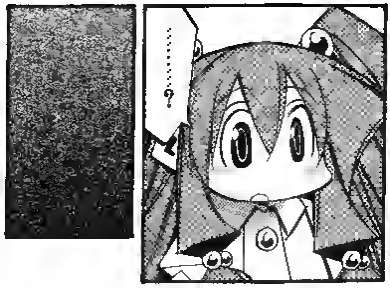

EH?
OH.
IT'S NOTHING
CAIN-KUN..? YOU'VE SEEMED DOWN LATELY. WHAT'S WRONG ?

BUT WHY ARE YOU SO WORRIED ABOUT ME, SEE-CHAN?

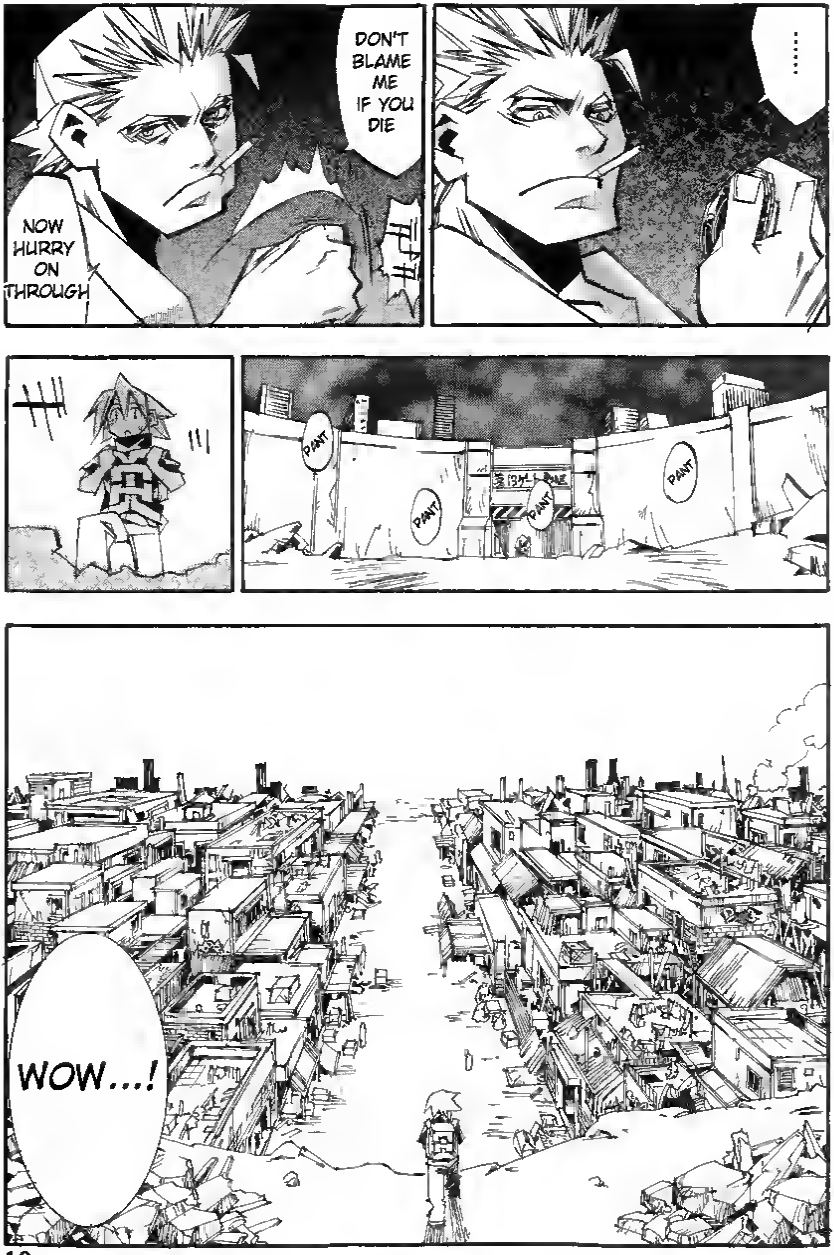

OH, DID YOU HEAR?
THEY FOUND ANOTHER NEEDLESS IN THE WEST DISTRICT AND "EXTERMINATED" HIM.
IT'S SO SCARY...
TAH HA HA HA HA...

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT OVER SUMMER BREAK?

AND THERE ARE A LOT OF NEEDLESSES IN THE BLACK SPOT, RIGHT?
BUT IT'S A BIT EXCITING. I MEAN, THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT CAN MAKE FIRE AND WATER APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE. THEY'RE LIKE MAGICIANS
The Black Spot
...


.....?
AH
SEE YOU LATER!!
SORRY, SEE-CHAN I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO!

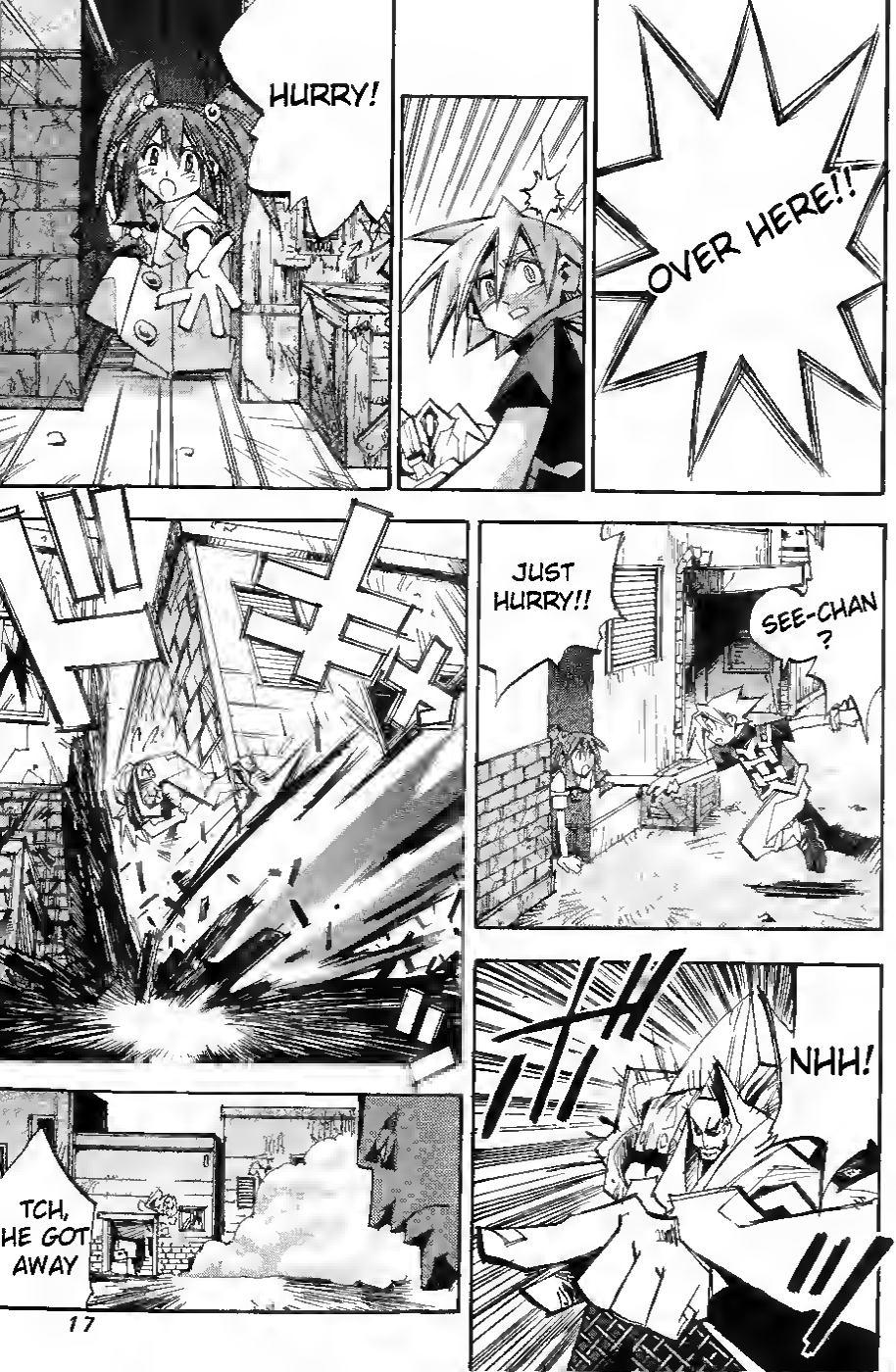
HEY, KID
Gate 13
第13ゲート
THE BLACK SPOT'S UP AHEAD
警備
So there really are lots of Needlesses in the Black Spot
He has a Flame power!
GO HOME.
UM...I WANT TO GO INTO THE BLACK SPOT
PLEASE LET ME GO!!

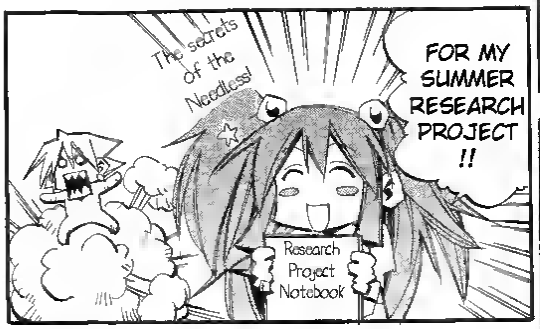

DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU DIE
NOW HURRY ON THROUGH
.....
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
WOW...!

MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME...
SO THIS IS THE BLACK SPOT. IT'S SCARY...
EH?
Shikisoku
zekuu
I'm gonna be killed!!!
W-what do I do?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'D LIKE TO BE FORCED INTO NIRVANA
YOU REEK OF THE CITY !!
OH, YOU'RE A CITIZEN !?

ENOUGH WITH THE VIOLENCE
NOW, NOW, ZEKUU-SAN
NOW THEN...
DWAAAAHHH!!
IF YOU HAND OVER ALL YOUR POSSESSIONS, YOU SHALL BE ALLOWED TO LIVE
I WON'T LET YOU RUN AWAY

TN: ZEKUU OFTEN SPEAKS IN HAIKU FOLLOWED BY SHIKISOKU CRITIQUING IT


HURRY!
OVER HERE!!
JUST HURRY!!
SEE-CHAN ?
NHH!
TCH, HE GOT AWAY


The secrets of the Needless!
FOR MY SUMMER RESEARCH PROJECT !!
Research Project Notebook

BOOM

THAT WAS CLOSE
SEE-CHAN!!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!

Y-YOU CAN'T!
THIS PLACE IS DANGE-ROUS!!

BUT YOU'RE IN DANGER TOO, CAIN-KUN
DID YOU COME HERE TO RESEARCH THE SECRETS OF THE NEEDLESS, TOO?
UM.. WELL..

DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE TEACHER TALKING ABOUT THE FREQUENT NEEDLESS MUTILATIONS GOING ON?
THEY'VE FOUND TONS OF BODIES WITH A PORTION OF THE BODY TORN OFF!!!

Y-
YEAH

IT'S A CHURCH
NO MORE
I CAN'T RUN ANY MORE
PANT
PANT
LOOK! LOOK!
OH
THIS SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH
I HOPE NO ONE WEIRD LIVES THERE...
I'M SURE WE'LL BE SAFE HERE
LET'S GO IN
♡
I WONDER IF WE CAN MEET A NEEDLESS
SO THEY HAVE CHURCHES IN THE BLACK SPOT TOO
EXCUSE ME
キィ

AMEN...
おお!
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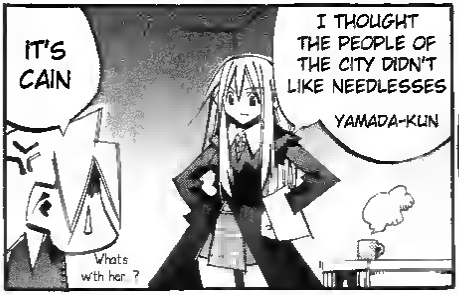
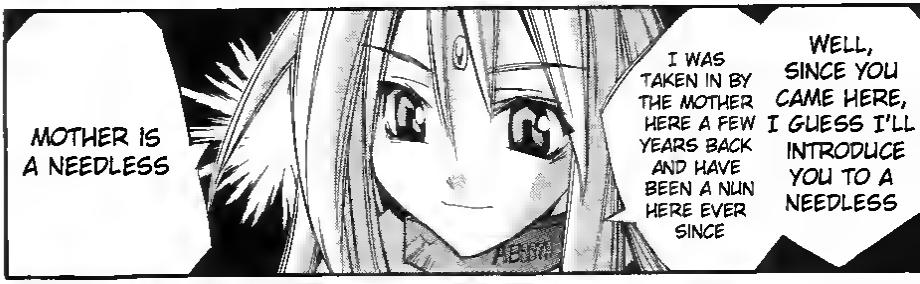
drip
note : cain
drip
GYAAAAHHH!! SOMEONE WEIRD DOES LIVE HERE!

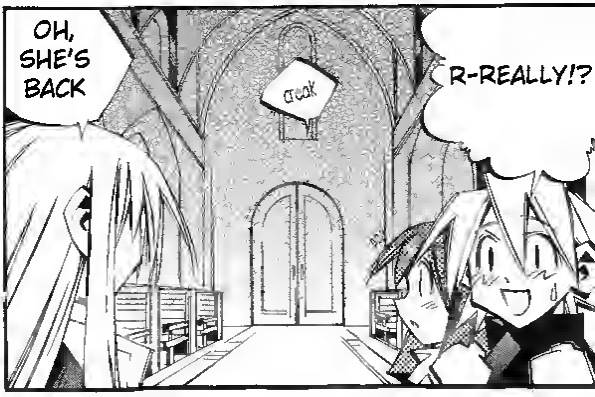
IT'S SEE
IT'S CAIN
UMM, YAMADA-KUN AND SUZUKI-CHAN, WAS IT?
MY NAME IS ADAM NEUSCHWAN-STEIN
I'M A NUN HERE
SO YOU'RE CITIZENS
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
U-
UHM-
ARE YOU A NEEDLESS, ADAM-SAN ?

I.... SEE....
I CAME HERE TO MEET A NEEDLESS

SORRY, BUT NO
I HAVE NO POWER


IT'S CAIN
I THOUGHT THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY DIDN'T LIKE NEEDLESSES
YAMADA-KUN
Whats with her ?

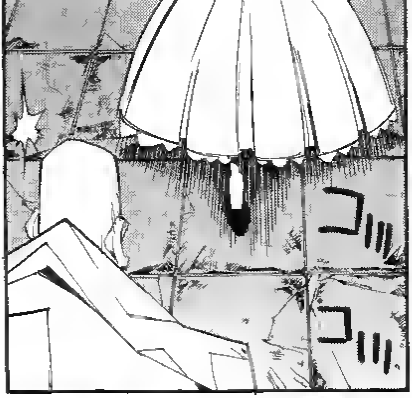

MOTHER IS A NEEDLESS
I WAS TAKEN IN BY THE MOTHER HERE A FEW YEARS BACK AND HAVE BEEN A NUN HERE EVER SINCE
WELL, SINCE YOU CAME HERE, I GUESS I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO A NEEDLESS

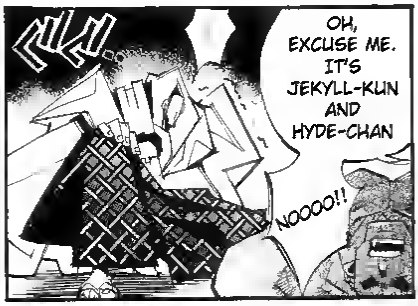

OH, SHE'S BACK
creak
R-REALLY!?

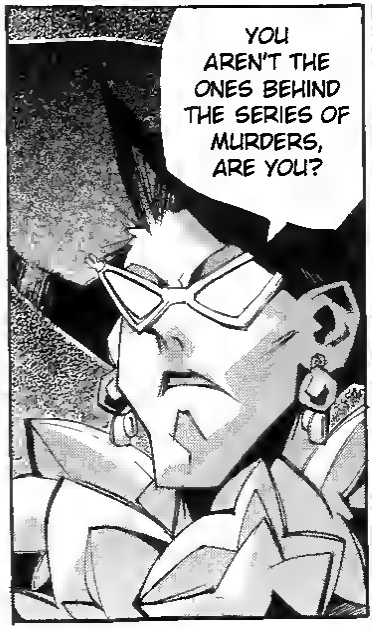
NOW WE HAVE FOUND YOU!! OUR LIFELONG TWO HOUR SEARCH HAS NOW COME TO A CLOSE!!
!!
THE GUYS FROM BEFORE!?
UNCLEAR MEANING 'O POINTS
MOTHER!? YOU'VE GOTTEN BIGGER!
I THINK THIS IS SOMEONE ELSE
WHO ARE YOU TWO?
What do we do!?
WE ONLY WANT THE KIDS!! BUT IF YOU INSIST, WE MAY AS WELL SKIN YOU ALIVE, TOO!
TOO MANY SYLLABLES 5 POINTS
WAIT JUST A SECOND

UNBELIEVABLE UMBRELLA
MOTHER!!
I AM DISPLEASED
Mother Black Power: Wind

THE WEEELL!?
UUH
YOU FELL IN THE WELL DURING WORSHIP AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
YES, MOTHER!?
ADAM...
She's feigning innocence...
CAIN
AGAIN!?
YOU IDIOT!! YOU FELL IN THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, TOO!!
I COMPLETELY FORGOT THE WELL WAS THERE
HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY DO SUCH NONSENSE!?
NOOO!!!
OH
THIS IS DAISUKE-KUN AND HANAKO-CHAN FROM THE CITY
WE'RE DOING NOTHING BUT GET MAD, ARE WE?
I'M SORRY, MOTHER
REALLY...
IS THERE NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT THAT MEMORY OF YOURS?




OH, EXCUSE ME. IT'S JEKYLL-KUN AND HYDE-CHAN
NOOOO!!


YOU AREN'T THE ONES BEHIND THE SERIES OF MURDERS, ARE YOU?

Needless Mutilation murders !?
Those...

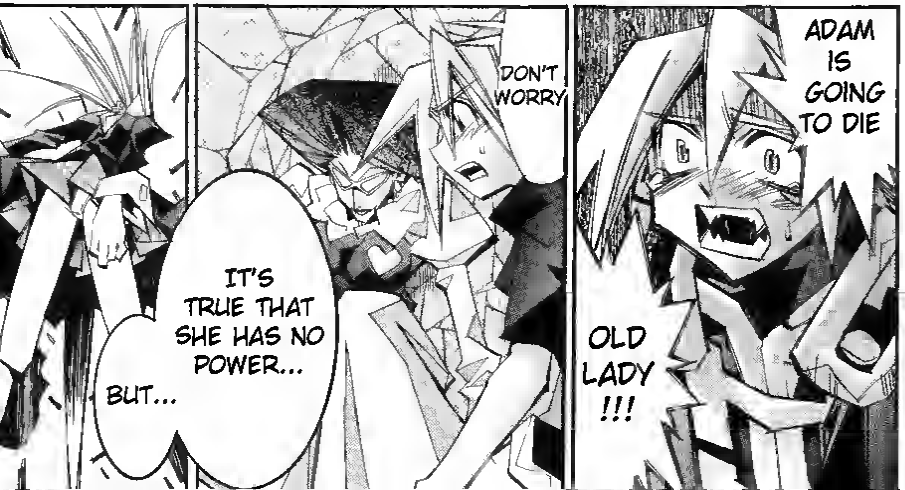
I AM BUT A TRAVELING MONK KNOWN AS SHIKISOKU
EXCUSE OUR RUDENESS, MOTHER
AND WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT SERIES OF MURDERS
WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT ROBBERS
I DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE PAIN AND SUFFERING OF THOSE AT THE BOTTOM OF SOCIETY
IT IS JUST THAT, BASED ON THE CONVERSATION I HAD WITH THAT BOY,
HUH...
AND HE IS UNEDU-CATED
MY TRAVELING COMPANION, ZEKUU, IS DREADFULLY QUICK TO GET IN A FIGHT...
I APOLOGIZE

JUST KIDDING!!!
ドカ
吸ス
!!
THIS IS AN EXCELLENT PLACE. IT IS A PERFECT WORLD OF SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST. THERE ARE NO LAWS AND NO POLICE.
NEVERTHE-LESS... I LOVE WHO I AM
!!
!!!!!
GH..
MOTHER!!

NOW...
I WILL USE A BLADE OF MY ICE...
TO FORCIBLY SEND YOU ALL TO NIRVANA
ADAM
YOU HAVE PERMIS-SION
TO GIVE THEM GOD'S JUDG-MENT
EH!?

NO MATTER HOW STRONG SHE IS, SHE CAN'T STAND UP TO A NEEDLESS!!!
THAT'S CRAZY, OLD LADY!!! SHE DOESN'T HAVE A POWER, RIGHT!?
SO YOU'RE A NEEDLESS, TOO!?
LET'S GO!!
INTERESTING!!!
!!!

金剛慈氷拳
Vajra Cold-Hearted Fist


ADAM IS GOING TO DIE
OLD LADY !!!
DON'T WORRY
IT'S TRUE THAT SHE HAS NO POWER...
BUT...

IT IS...
THE ABILITY TO LEARN THE POWERS OF OTHERS !!!
LEARNED IT!
ある能力を持っているの
SHE DOES HAVE A CERTAIN TYPE OF POWER
ICE POWER ACTIVATE
金剛慈氷拳!!!
Vajra Cold-Hearted Fist!!!

チュン
JUDGMENT - EXECUTION!!
Wow !!!
NOW I HAVE AN IDEA WHY YOU USUALLY HAVE A HORRIBLE MEMORY
OH, SO YOU UNDER-STAND, SUZUKI-KUN
IT'S CAIN

After World War 3...
The people living in the contaminated area known as a Black spot ...
underwent a sudden genetic mutation that gave them "cursed powers"
Previously unused areas of their brains awakened slightly making them like magicians
Out of fear, the people referred to them...

as
"Needless"

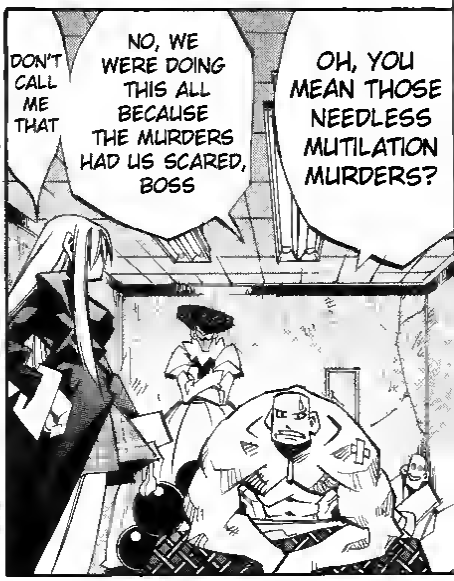
KH...
SHE LEARNED...
SHIKISOKU'S ICE POWER!?
I WIN
RECEIVE GOD'S JUDGMENT
NNHH...

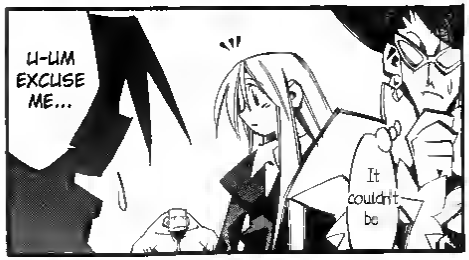
!!
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS?!!
AH
AHH
"DON'T TOUCH ME"!!!
D.
DA HA HA HA
I'VE WON NOW!!

WHA-?
...WHY?
PUNISHMENT IN PROGRESS

ARE YOU THE ONE'S BEHIND THE MURDERS?
We're very sorry

A BIT UNCLEAR. 0 POINTS
BUT WHY WOULD SOMEONE RIP ALL THOSE PEOPLE APART? SOUNDS RATHER GROTESQUE
oh 0 points


DON'T CALL ME THAT
NO, WE WERE DOING THIS ALL BECAUSE THE MURDERS HAD US SCARED, BOSS
OH, YOU MEAN THOSE NEEDLESS MUTILATION MURDERS?

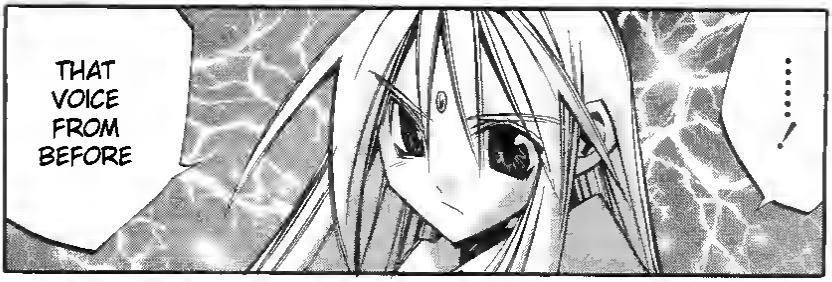

U-UM EXCUSE ME...
It couldn't be

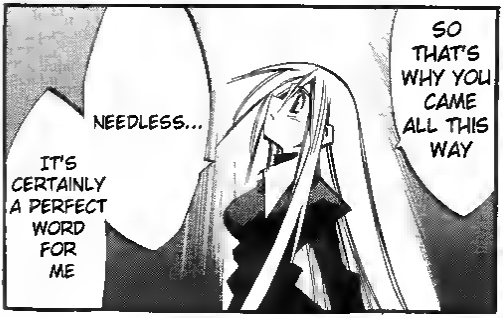
ADAM-SAN, COULD I SPEAK WITH YOU ALONE?

...AGAIN, MY NAME IS CAIN
WHAT IS IT, NOBITA-KUN?

AH, WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO REPAIR THE CHURCH BENCHES AGAIN
WHO IS THE PERSON HANGING ON THAT CROSS?
OH, YOU DON'T KNOW? IT'S THE SECOND CHRIST. HE'S THE PERSON WHO LEAD THE WORLD DOWN THE PATH OF RECONSTRUCTION AFTER WORLD WAR 3
WELL?
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
U..
UHM

I...
MIGHT BE A NEEDLESS


.....!
THAT VOICE FROM BEFORE

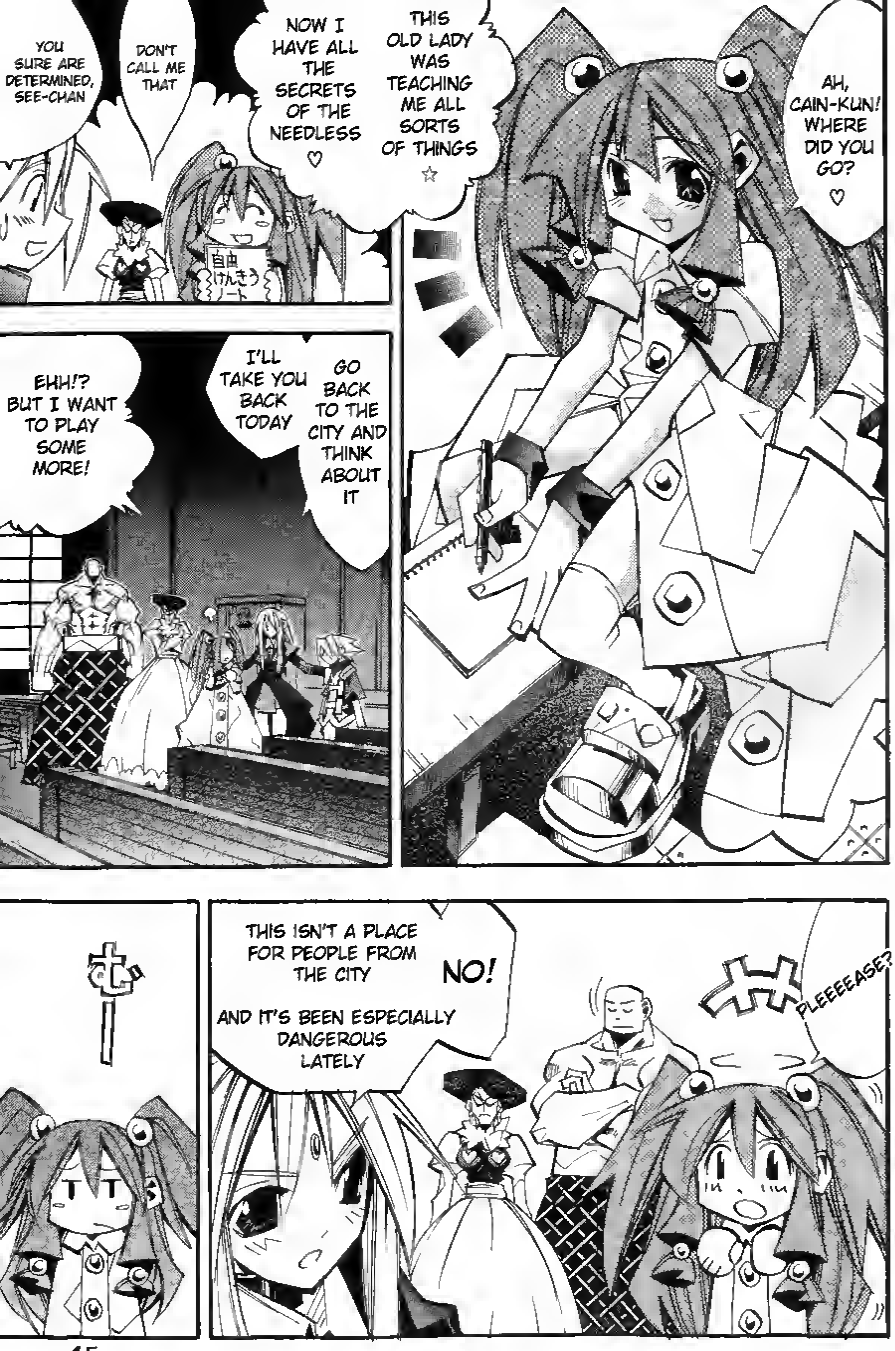

SO THAT'S WHY YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY
NEEDLESS...
IT'S CERTAINLY A PERFECT WORD FOR ME

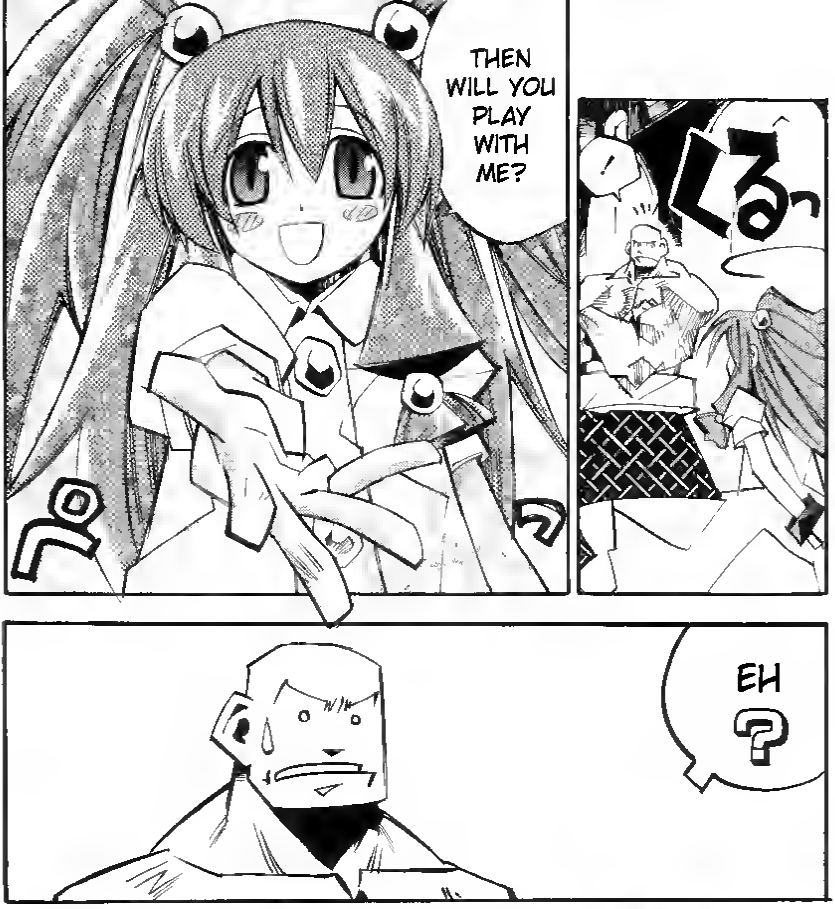
YES, IF IT'S TRUE, I'LL BE BANISHED FROM THE CITY
I WANTED TO DISCUSS IT WITH A NEEDLESS

EH?
?

079 A.B.
I DON'T REMEMBER THE PAST VERY WELL ...
BUT I WAS APPARENTLY A FAILURE FROM A CERTAIN HUMAN EXPERI-MENT
!!!
I TRULY WAS NEED-LESS
BUT I'M LIVING A HAPPY LIFE HERE WHILE I MAKE MOTHER MAD AT ME
YOU SHOULDN'T BE WONDERING IF YOU ARE A NEED-LESS
YOU SHOULD BE WONDERING IF YOU WANT TO BECOME ONE
.....

IF YOU DON'T USE YOUR POWER, IT WILL GET WEAKER
JUST LIKE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PLAY THE PIANO IF YOU DON'T PRACTICE
YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT WHETHER YOU WANT TO LET YOUR VOICE ABILITY LIVE OR IF YOU WANT TO KILL IT
BUT...
IT'S YOUR POWER
YOU MAY BE THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD WITH IT
...WHAT? YOU MANAGED TO PROTECT YOURSELF BEFORE
RIGHT, TAROU-KUN?
IT'S CAIN. PLEASE JUST REMEMBER IT ALREADY


AH, CAIN-KUN! WHERE DID YOU GO? ♡
THIS OLD LADY WAS TEACHING ME ALL SORTS OF THINGS ☆
NOW I HAVE ALL THE SECRETS OF THE NEEDLESS ♡
DON'T CALL ME THAT
YOU SURE ARE DETERMINED, SEE-CHAN
GO BACK TO THE CITY AND THINK ABOUT IT
I'LL TAKE YOU BACK TODAY
EHH!? BUT I WANT TO PLAY SOME MORE!
PLEEEEASE?
NO!
THIS ISN'T A PLACE FOR PEOPLE FROM THE CITY
AND IT'S BEEN ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS LATELY
T T


THEN WILL YOU PLAY WITH ME?
EH ?

!
YOU'RE NOT A BAD PERSON, RIGHT?
ホレ
SH-SHE SURE IS BRAVE...
HEY, DON'T BE SO SELFISH

IS ACTUALLY A PRETTY GOOD FEELING
ADAM-DONO BEING TRUSTED...
.....
WOW
..

GYAAAHHHH!
YOU IDIOT

IT COULDN'T BE...
ARE YOU...?
An artificial arm!?
Could the one behind the murders have been...!?
I FINALLY FOUND YOU, ♡
I DIDN'T REALIZE IT AT FIRST BECAUSE I HAD HEARD YOU WERE CREATED AS AN XY-CHROMOSOME TYPE. ☆
BUT IT SEEMS YOU'RE A GIRL JUST LIKE ME ☆
I GUESS I SHOULD CALL YOU ONEE-CHAN ♡
Onii-chan ☆

THAT'S RIGHT
I'M ADAM CYCLOPS
I'M YOUR SUCCESSOR AFTER YOU DISAPPEAR-ED DURING THE EXPERI-MENT
SINCE I WAS BORN FROM THE SAME EXPERIMENT ...
I SUPPOSE IT MAKES ME YOUR LITTLE SISTER
Nice to meet you

AND MY MISSION...
WAS TO RECOVER YOU, THE MISSING FAILED EXPERIMENT ☆
OUR JOB IS TO COLLECT THE GENES OF VARIOUS NEEDLES-SES...
IN ORDER TO CON-STRUCT THE PERFECT "MAGICIAN"
No way...!! See-chan !?

LITTLE BOY !!!
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SHIT!
HEE HEE
UUH...

Needless Mutilation!!!

In that case, I'll use Wind !!!
ELEGANT CYCLONE !!!
HOW ABOUT THAT!!?

!!
ELEGANT CYCLONE !!!
LEARNED IT!

AH
EE!
AHH
THE LEARNING POWER AND THE BASE ABILITIES MAY BE THE SAME ...
BUT I SIMPLY HAVE MORE POWER ♡
WHAT WILL YOU DO,
NEEDLES-SES?
UGH ...
ADAM-SAN, DON'T STAND UP!
YOU'RE HURT!!!
AH

IT'S OKAY ...
ポトン
Voice power acquired!!!
声の能力
習得!!!
IT MAY BE TRUE THAT I AM A NEEDLESS ...
BUT...

NO MATTER WHAT ...
A DEFECTIVE EXPERIMENT WILL ALWAYS BE...
.....
HMPH....
JUST A DEFECTIVE EXPERI-MENT !!!
I CAN'T LOSE !!
AS LONG AS YOU "NEED" ME ..

"DON'T TOUCH ME" !!!
にっ
Oh, shi~
LEARNED IT!!

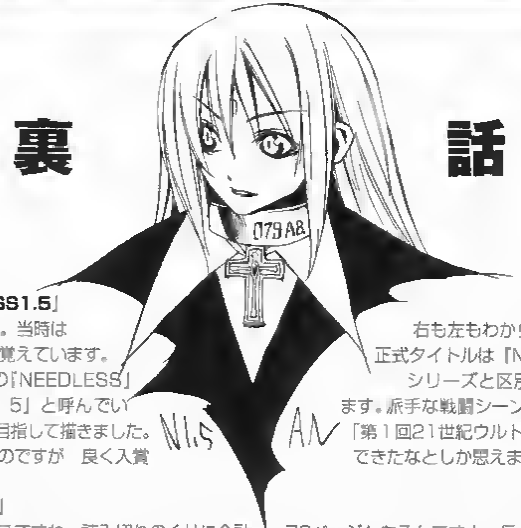
ニードレスミューティレーション
Needless Mutilation

She did it!!
JUDGMENT - EXECUTION !!!

ADAM-SAAAN! I'M BACK WITH THE WATER!
OH, WERE YOU ATTACKED?
YES, BUT I GOT THROUGH IT WITH MY VOICE POWER
.....
IS YOUR RIGHT HAND GOING TO HEAL?
YEAH, IT'S FINE
BUT I GUESS LEARNING A POWER THAT USES MACHINES WAS A BIT TOO MUCH
ADAM... THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST SAY
IT'S FINE
.....
WHAT IS IT?
C'MON, LET'S GO
EH?
IT'S FINE. AND EVEN IF YOU TOLD ME, I'D JUST FORGET IT ANYWAY
ADAM-SAN!

YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIVING WITH US IN THIS BLACK SPOT
RIGHT, CAIN?
.....
AH
YES!!!
●END●

裏話



■「NEEDLESS1.5」

デビュー作です。当時は　　右も左もわからなかったの
で苦労したのを覚えています。　　正式タイトルは『NEEDLESS』
なんですが、他の『NEEDLESS』　　シリーズと区別するために
『NEEDLESS1.5』と呼んでい　　ます。派手な戦闘シーンと、個性ある
キャラクターを目指して描きました。　　「第1回21世紀ウルトラ漫画賞」で
奇跡的に入選を頂いたのですが　良く入賞　　できたなとしか思えません（笑）。

■「死神の聖剣」

これはサスペンスですね。読み切りのくせに合計　　76ページもあるんですよ。長っ！「誰が主
人公かわかんない漫画を描きたい」と思って始め　　た企画なのですが、64Pくらいで作るはず
が　コンテを描いてみたら90Pを超えてしまい　　編めるのに苦労しました。編集部の皆さんには
ものすごい迷惑をかけてしまったと思います。ごめんなさいっ。
この漫画は小ネタも結構入ってまして、ダーツの「ヒゲ」と「蝶ネクタイ」が入れかわってたり、
『エゴイックロータス』の主人公がコッソリ描かれてたりします。お暇な方は探してみてくださいま
せ。
個人的には華夏が段ボールに入れられてるシーンがお気に入りです。

■『セカンドサイト』

シリーズ中最も凶悪な主人公です。『ニードレスという超人がどうやってブラックスポットで生まれるのか』というテーマを描くつもりだったんですが、なんか「チーマー系ホラー」というわけのわからない漫画になってしまいました。
「セカンドサイト」　「第2の視覚」という意味。
「暗黒気穴（ダムナ・ヴォー）」　ヒンズー教用語で「黒の底し場」という意味。

■『エゴイックロータス』

「ここをこうしたら面白いかも」と好き勝手にイタズラしまくってたらとんでもない主人公が完成してしまいました。
シリーズ中最もやる気のない漫画ですが、描いてて一番楽しかったので結構気に入ってます。
『セカンドサイト』ともリンクしています。
「エゴイックロータス」　「人間の超能力を封印している蓮の華びら」という意味。それが開花すると人は超能力を使えるようになるとか。

色即是空
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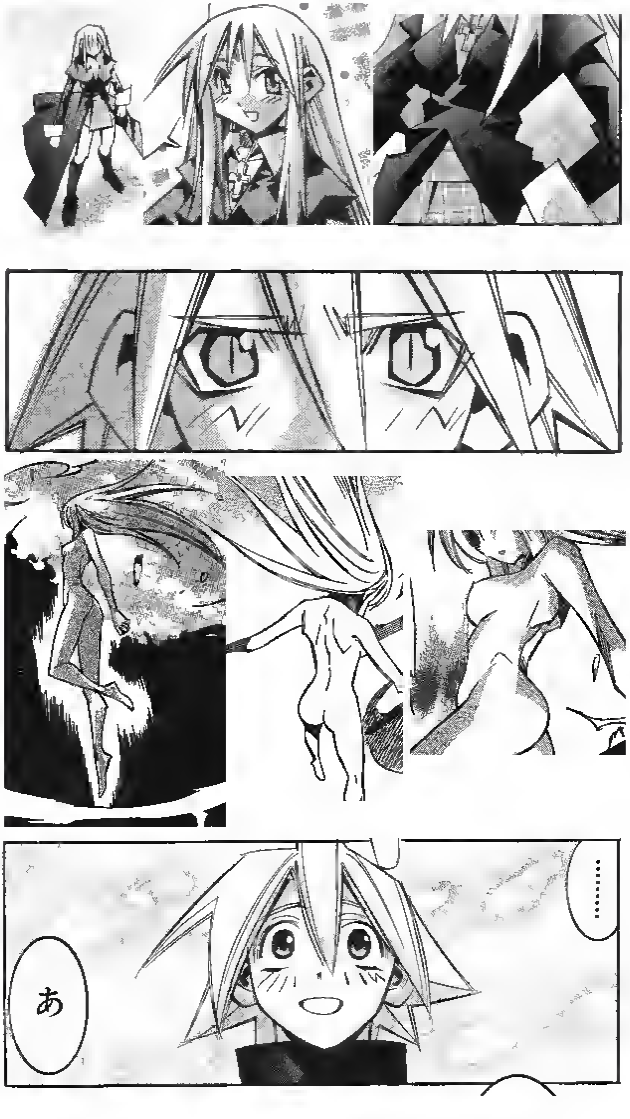

TRANSLATION JSO6
CLEANING AND TYPESETTING YNOT

THE SACRED SWORD OF THE REAPER
WEST BLACK SPOT
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TH...
THAT'S A RE LLY BIG SWORD...

THE SACRED SWORD

IF YOU WISH TO LIVE, DON'T COME ANY CLOSER.
LEST YE BE CURSED WITH DEATH BY THE REAPER
EH?
REA... PER!?
OF THE REAPER

KYAA!!
MY MY, FORGIVE ME FOR THAT
IT'S A RATHER LIVELY JOKER THOUGH
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE
H-HEY! JUST WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THIS!? STOP IT, PLEASE!!
IT'S MAGIC, MAGIC!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. I AM DATSU THE MAGICIAN!
POOF
!

IF ANYONE TRIES TO RESIST, I'LL BLOW YOUR FUCKIN' HEADS OFF!!
IT'S JUST A HIJACKING, SO KEEP CALM, CAPICE?
P... PREDATORS!?
KYAAA!!!
IT'S ALRIGHT THERE'S NO NEED TO BE FRIGHTENED.
THEY LOOK JUST LIKE THOSE MERCILESS BANDITS SAID TO ROAM THIS AREA!!
SAVE US, FATHER!!
PREDATORS?
FATHER!!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE FUNERAL!!
"THE REGULAR FUNERAL SERVICE WILL BE SEVEN THOUSAND YEN"
GOD HATH DECREED IT AS WELL
YOU AIN'T GETTIN' AWAY!!
HAAHAA! DOWN YOU GO!!
NO
GOT IT BRO! I'M GETTING REAAAAAL GOOD AT THAT!
BIND 'EM REAAAAL TIGHT AND HAUL 'EM AWAY

HOLD IT.
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS
EVERYONE I HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH SUFFERS
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO SURVIVES?
I'M ON THIS JOURNEY BECAUSE I SEEK THE ANSWER TO THAT.
YOU WANNA DIE, LITTLE GIRL?
WHO THE HELL'RE YOU!?
PLEASE, STOP IT!!

SHE'S BEEN POSSESSED BY THE REAPER!!
HUH?
REAPER?
LIKE THAT COULD FUCKIN' HAPPEN!
DON'T BE SILLY NOW.
YOU MUSN'T ANGER HER!!
JUST WHAT COULD THIS LITTLE KITTEN DO, HUH!?

SETO.
I AUTHORIZE THE INVOCATION OF THE REAPER.
SHE'S GONE!?
E...EH!?
!!
YOU FOOLS HAVE ALREADY BEEN POSSESSED BY THE REAPER.
FWIP
THOSE POSSESSED LEAVE NO LAST FOOTPRINTS.
SHE'S FLOATING!?
WHA!?

WHAT WAS THAT!?
NO WAY
BRO! I'M NOT MAKING ANY FOOTPRINTS!!
"IT IS PROOF THAT THY SOULS
NO LONGER RESIDE WITHIN THIS MORTAL COIL"
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!? I'M GETTING FREAKIN' CREEPED OUT HERE!!
C'MON, C'MON!!
THAT'S INSANE!!
THE BIBLE SAYS THIS...
THE SENTENCE
IS DEATH.

GYRO GRAVITATION!
GYAAAH!!
RUN FOR IT!! SHE REALLY IS A REAPER!!
W-WAIT BRO! I DON'T WANNA DIE!!
HEH.

I HEREBY SEAL THE REAPER.
THAT'LL DO
W-WHAT ARE YOU GUYS
DIDN'T I SAY IT WAS THE POWER OF THE REAPER?
YOU CAN'T BE NEEDLESS CAN YOU?
I'M NOT A NEEDLESS
HEH
AND I'M THE POOR, POOR PRIEST FORCED TO TAG ALONG IN SERCH OF A WAY TO BREAK THE REAPER'S HOLD. YOU CAN CALL ME BLADE.
CURSE YOU

EH !?
I RECEIVED A REQUEST
IT SAID "PLEASE PROTECT OUR VILLAGE FROM PREDATORS"
THEN... PERHAPS...
JUST WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THIS WEST BLACK SPOT?
THEN...
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SETO-SAMA?
COULD YOU BE..
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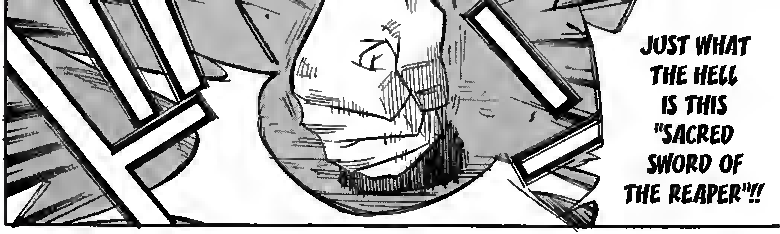
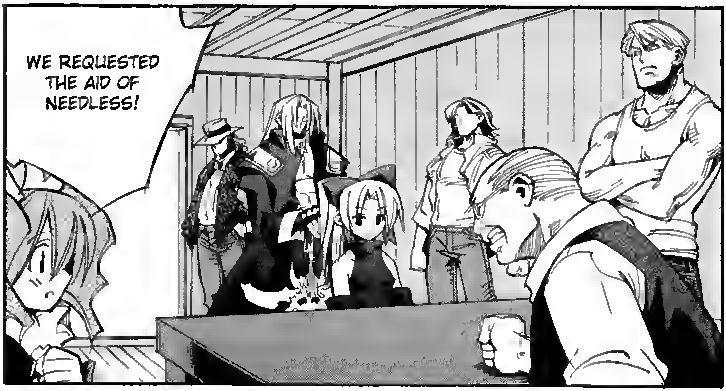
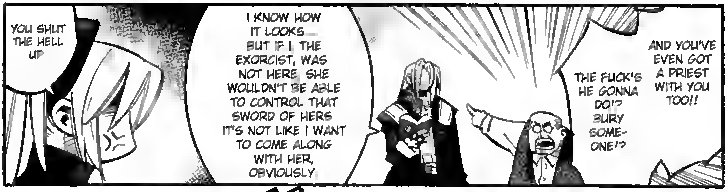
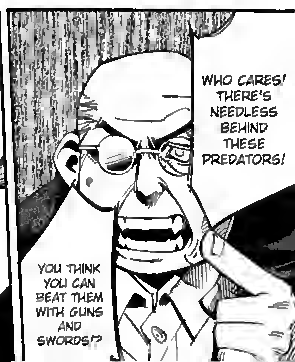

JUST WHAT THE HELL IS THIS "SACRED SWORD OF THE REAPER"!!

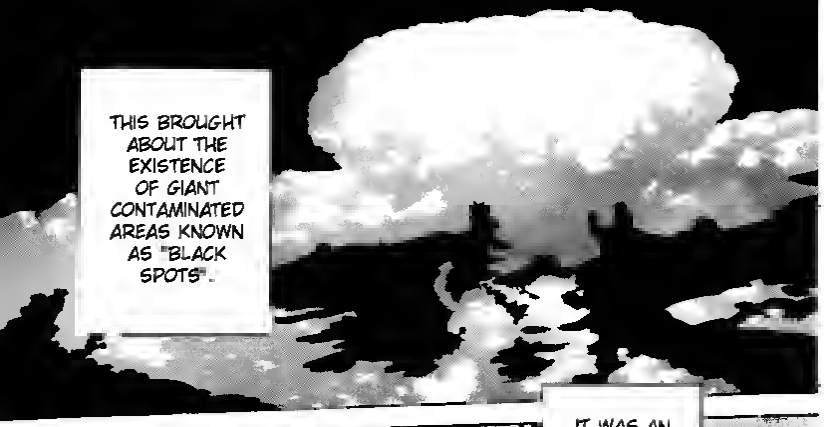

WE REQUESTED THE AID OF NEEDLESS!


YOU SHUT THE HELL UP
I KNOW HOW IT LOOKS... BUT IF I, THE EXORCIST, WAS NOT HERE, SHE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL THAT SWORD OF HERS IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO COME ALONG WITH HER, OBVIOUSLY.
THE FUCK'S HE GONNA DO!? BURY SOME-ONE!?
AND YOU'VE EVEN GOT A PRIEST WITH YOU TOO!!

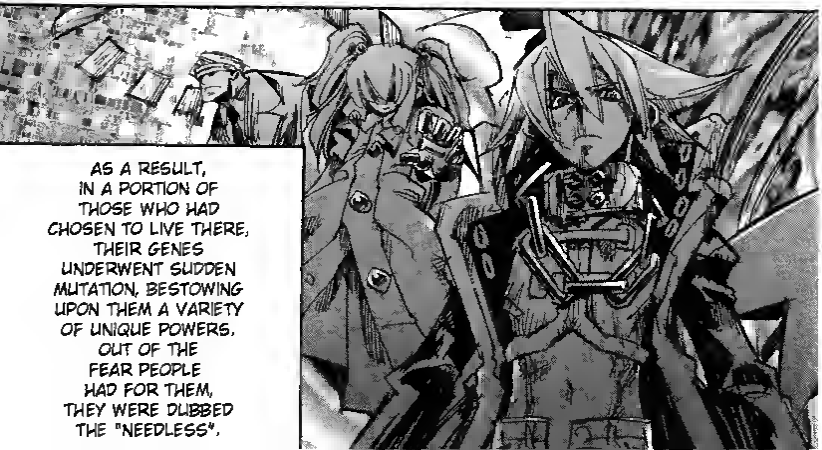
!!
CHINK
JUST WHO'S A SERVANT?
COME, SERVANT.
IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, THEN I'LL LEAVE


WHO CARES! THERE'S NEEDLESS BEHIND THESE PREDATORS!
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT THEM WITH GUNS AND SWORDS!?

PLEASE! WAIT!
SOLVA-CHAN
H-HEY..
I BEG YOU! PLEASE! FIGHT THE NEEDLESS TOGETHER WITH US!
I'LL PAY FOR THE REWARD EVEN IF I HAVE TO SELL MYSELF.
.....
...SO PLEASE! LEND US YOUR SWORD'S POWER! AT THIS RATE... THE VILLAGE IS GOING TO BE...

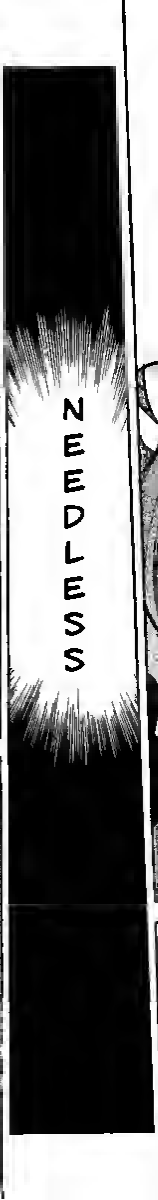

THIS BROUGHT ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF GIANT CONTAMINATED AREAS KNOWN AS "BLACK SPOTS".

IT WAS AN ENVIRONMENT NO HUMAN COULD LIVE IN YET, THEY CONQUERED THE LAND.


AS A RESULT, IN A PORTION OF THOSE WHO HAD CHOSEN TO LIVE THERE, THEIR GENES UNDERWENT SUDDEN MUTATION, BESTOWING UPON THEM A VARIETY OF UNIQUE POWERS. OUT OF THE FEAR PEOPLE HAD FOR THEM, THEY WERE DUBBED THE "NEEDLESS".

JAPAN, 2130. ONCE-GREAT CITIES WERE BATHED IN THE FLAMES OF RUIN BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE ADVENT OF THE THIRD WORLD WAR.

THE BLACK SPOTS WERE QUARANTINED AS RUINS FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. BUT SOON, ORPHANS AND THOSE WHO HAD LOST THEIR HOMES IN THE WAR SETTLED THERE.


NEEDLESS

I KNOW THAT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE NEEDLESS CAN OPPOSE OTHER NEEDLESS... BUT IF WAS YOU TWO-!!

IT'S ALL JUST DRAMA DRAMA
YOU CAN'T BE PLANNING ON ACTUALLY RETURNING THE MONEY
BUT SOMETHING'S BOTHERING ME.
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS VILLAGE
PRACTICALLY ALL THE HOMES HERE ARE IN RUINS IT WOULD BE BETTER TO JUST ABANDON THIS PLACE AND MOVE SOMEWHERE ELSE...
JUST WHAT WOULD THEY WANT US TO PROTECT HERE...
MAYBE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE NEEDLESS BACKING THE PREDATORS?

LIVING IN THIS BLACK SPOT TAKES MONEY!
YOU CAN'T MAKE A MEAL OUT OF A BUNCH OF FLOWERS.
FLOWERS ARE FINE TOO, EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.
AH THIS IS WHY PEOPLE WITH EMPTY HEARTS
Amen.
WELL, IF WE'RE GETTING PAID, WHAT THE HECK DO I CARE
SHUT UP.
BY THE WAY, WHEN DID YOU SEND FOR DRINKS?
헤헤—
HUH? DIDN'T YOU SEND FOR THEM?
과
SHIT !!
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ドキャーン

KANA SAMA
SO YOU'RE THEIR NEW DOG, EH?

...! YOU'RE THE ONES FROM EARLIER!!
BUT YOU GOT CAUGHT SO QUICKLY.. AND YOU'RE NOT NEEDLESS.
YOU LOST THE GAME WHEN YOU LET YOURSELVES GET CAPTURED.

I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT...
YOU CAN'T BE A NEEDLESS, CAN YOU?
A CHILD !?
AIN'T SO FUCKIN' SCARY WITHOUT THAT DAMN SWORD OF YOURS!!
WHAT'RE YOU GETTIN' ALL FIRED UP FOR? YOUR SWORD'S OVER HERE
HEH
REA-PER?
THAT YOU TWO, IS THE SACRED SWORD OF THE REAPER.
THOSE POSSESSED BY THE REAPER LEAVE NO LAST FOOTPRINTS.
THOSE WHO LAY CLAIM TO IT WILL RECEIVE A POWERFUL CURSE AS RETRIBUTION.
HEY, WALRUS, TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR FEET.

AH...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
BRO! OUR FOOTPRINTS ARE GONE AGAIN!!!
BEEEEH
NOOOOO! WHYYY!!!
!
IF YOU WANT A SERVANT, GO GET A DOG.
HEH.
WHAT SAY YOU? IF YOU BECOME MY SERVANT I WOULDN'T MIND SPARING YOUR LIFE
MY...
THAT'S A RATHER INTERESTING SWORD YOU'VE GOT THERE

I SEE.
AH.
COME FORTH!!
FIRE, FROST
!!

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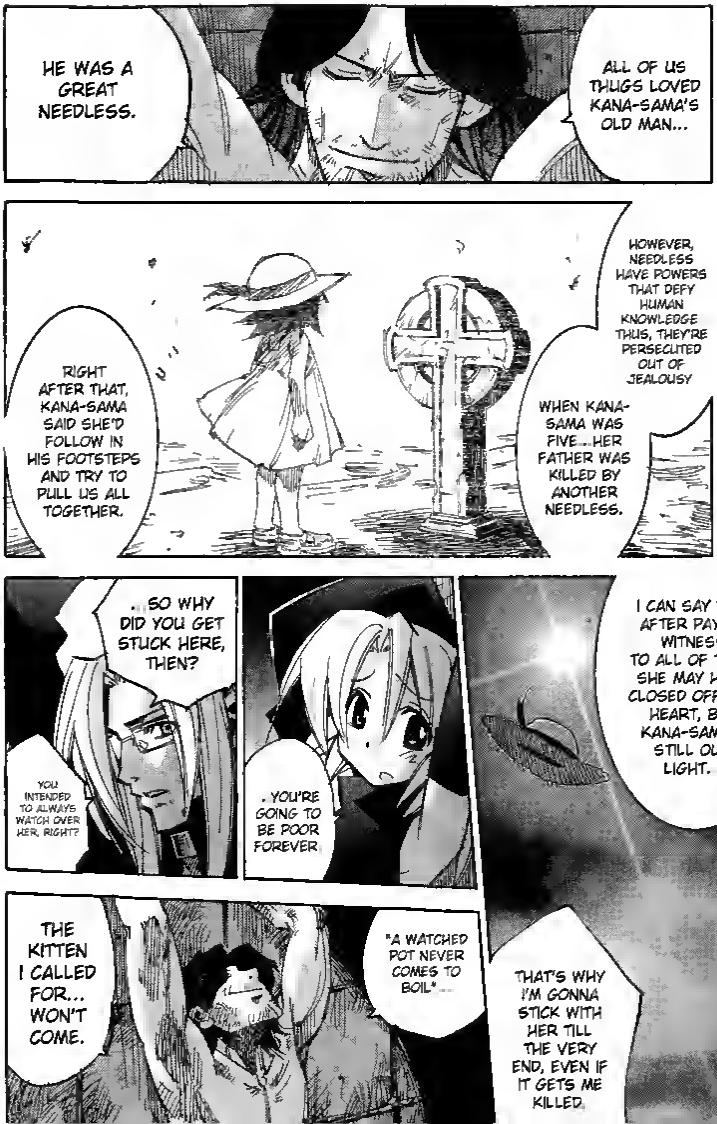
!!
I GUESS YOUR SENTENCE IS DEATH
WELL THEN.

カミヤ
WHAT THE HELL'S WITH THAT BRAT'S POWER!
SHE CAN MANIPULATE BOTH FIRE AND ICE!?
YEAH... IT'S PRETTY RIDICULOUS.
THE NORM IS THAT THERE'S ONLY ONE FRAGMENT PER PERSON.
BUT ANYWAY... JUST WHERE ARE WE?

!
!
WHO'S THERE!?
IT'S A TEMPLE HIDDEN BENEATH THE VILLAGE
IT CAN'T BE THAT FAR FROM THE VILLAGE
THEIR HIDEOUT, I GUESS...
SO YOU GOT SHOVED IN HERE BY THAT LITTLE PUNK AS WELL?
.....
AN OLD-TIMER.
YOU GUYS ARE GONNA BE EXECUTED TOO, RIGHT?
?
ISN'T THAT KID GOING TO KILL YOU AS WELL?
GUESS I'LL TELL YOU THEN.
YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW, EH?
SHE'S OUR LIGHT.
DON'T BAD-MOUTH KANA-SAMA.


HE WAS A GREAT NEEDLESS.
ALL OF US THUGS LOVED KANA-SAMA'S OLD MAN...
RIGHT AFTER THAT, KANA-SAMA SAID SHE'D FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS AND TRY TO PULL US ALL TOGETHER.
WHEN KANA-SAMA WAS FIVE... HER FATHER WAS KILLED BY ANOTHER NEEDLESS.
HOWEVER, NEEDLESS HAVE POWERS THAT DEFY HUMAN KNOWLEDGE THUS, THEY'RE PERSECUTED OUT OF JEALOUSY
...SO WHY DID YOU GET STUCK HERE, THEN?
YOU INTENDED TO ALWAYS WATCH OVER HER, RIGHT?
. YOU'RE GOING TO BE POOR FOREVER.
I CAN SAY THIS AFTER PAYING WITNESS TO ALL OF THAT. SHE MAY HAVE CLOSED OFF HER HEART, BUT KANA-SAMA'S STILL OUR LIGHT. .
THE KITTEN I CALLED FOR... WON'T COME.
"A WATCHED POT NEVER COMES TO BOIL"...
THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA STICK WITH HER TILL THE VERY END, EVEN IF IT GETS ME KILLED.

WHAT THE-!?
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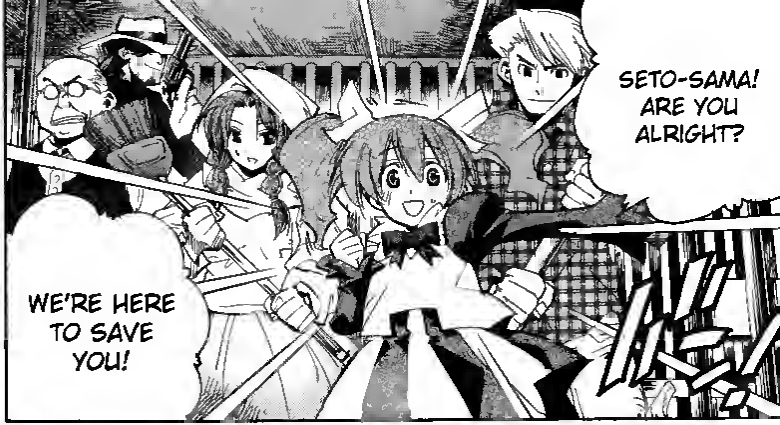
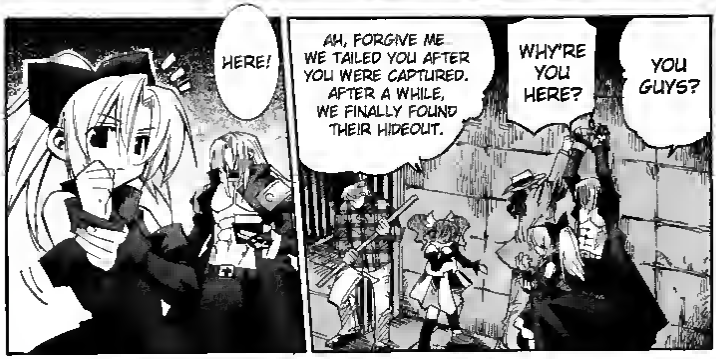
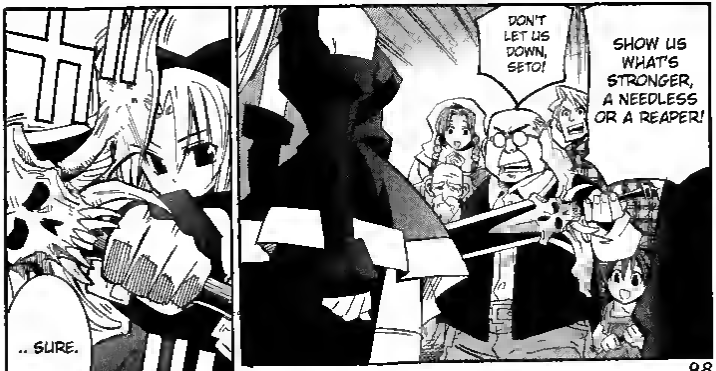

SETO-SAMA! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
WE'RE HERE TO SAVE YOU!

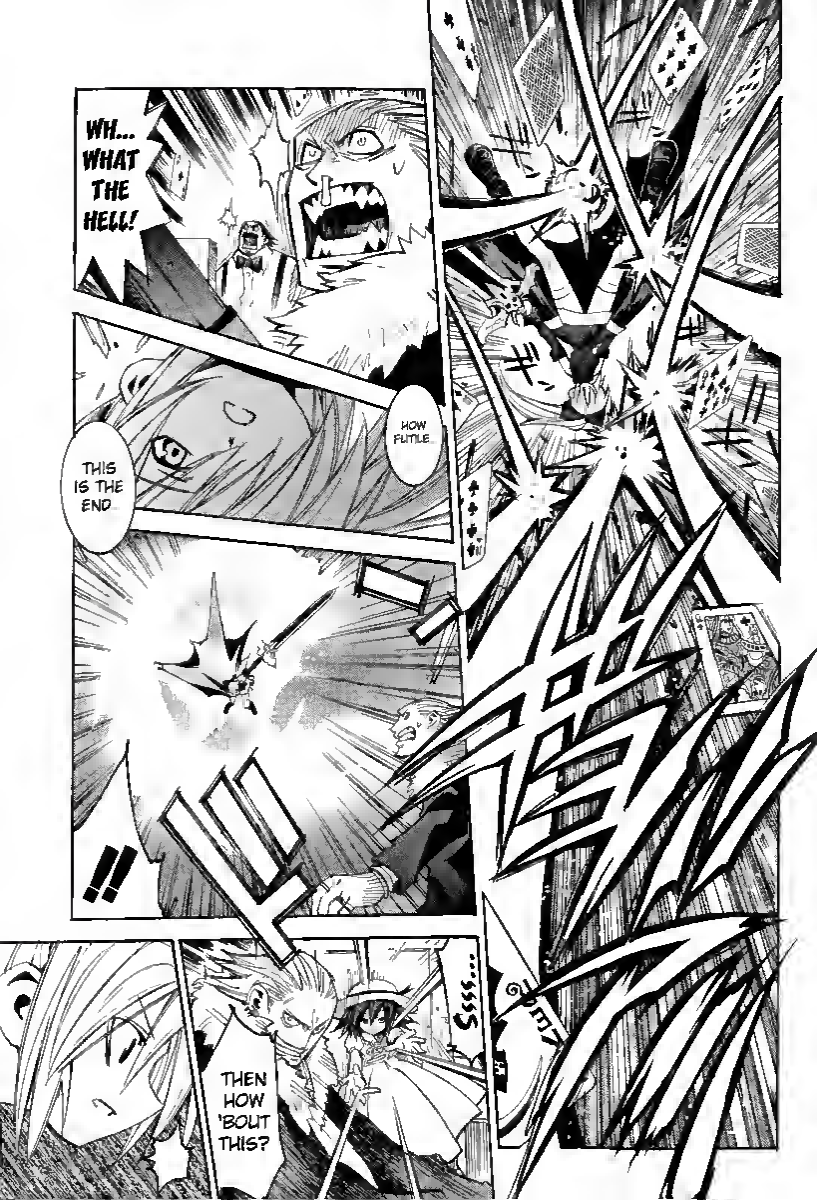

HERE!
AH, FORGIVE ME WE TAILED YOU AFTER YOU WERE CAPTURED. AFTER A WHILE, WE FINALLY FOUND THEIR HIDEOUT.
WHY'RE YOU HERE?
YOU GUYS?


.. SURE.
DON'T LET US DOWN, SETO!
SHOW US WHAT'S STRONGER, A NEEDLESS OR A REAPER!

A NEEDLESS VERSUS A REAPER, EH?
INTER-ESTING
NOW WE'RE ALL SET!!
LET'S GO BEAT THOSE PREDATORS!!
SETO-SAMA! THIS WAY!!

HEY! YOU OKAY!?
GAAH!
!!
DEATH...
TO ALL OF YOU.
!

HERE I COME!
I... TAKE THIS!
HAAAA!!


WH... WHAT THE HELL!
THIS IS THE END
HOW FUTILE
!!
SSSSS...
THEN HOW 'BOUT THIS?

SHUNK

DIE, BITCH!
SETO!!
EH!? WHAT WAS THAT SOUND JUST NOW?

REAPER, COME FORTH.
SO... HEAVY...
WHY ME?
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU GUYS THINK YOU'RE DOING-
WH...
WHAT'S WRONG!

SKREE
...DAMN IT!!
HEY, BRAT
WHO THE FUCK DO YOU THINK YOU ARE.

HEH
I'LL CRUSH YOU WITH MY FIRE AND FROST FRAGMENT!!
S-STAY BACK!
STOP IT, SETO! WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU THINKING!
FACING A NEEDLESS WITHOUT YOUR SWORD IS SUICIDE!!
THEN DO IT.
WE'RE IN A BLACK SPOT HERE, THERE IS NO LAW HERE, IT'S SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST
THERE IS BUT ONE RULE HERE DEATH TO THOSE WHO WON'T FIGHT
SO GO AHEAD, USE THEM.
AH-!
USE THOSE POWERS OF YOURS.
UGH...

WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU PUT ON SUCH A FLASHY SHOW YET YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ON YOUR OWN?
GUH...
AAH...
AH.
WHA-!?
SHE'S ACTIN' REAL STRANGE...
...WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WH...WHY ISN'T KANA USING HER FRAGMENT!?
SHE COULDN'T EVEN IF SHE WANTED TO.
!?

KANA...
ISN'T A NEEDLESS.
THEN WHAT WAS THE FIRE AND FROST WE SAW!?
LOOK BEHIND THAT THRONE OF HERS.
WHAAAAT!!?
WH... WHAT IS THIS!?
玉座
!!
SO IT WAS ALL A TRICK!
!!
IT'S A MECHANISM SET UP TO MAKE IT SEEM AS THOUGH KANA COULD SUMMON FIRE AND ICE! ALL COURTESY OF THAT MAGICIAN OVER THERE!
PAHN!

THIS WAS PROBABLY ALL SHE COULD DO TO KEEP THE PUNKS TOGETHER JUST LIKE HER FATHER.
I HEARD SOME KIND OF MACHINE RIGHT WHEN KANA CALLED FORTH HER FIRE AND ICE.
SHE'S...
IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS IF YOU GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. THE RULE IS ONE FRAGMENT TO ONE PERSON. THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD CONTROL FIRE AND FROST SIMULTANEOUSLY.
A FAKE NEEDLESS.
WE DID IT!!!
A...AL...
ALRIGHT!!

YEAH.
NOW, LET'S MAKE SHORT WORK OF THEM!!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP, SETO-SAMA!!
SORRY.
IT'S FOR THE MONEY.

EH
!?
WHA-

IDIOT! WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
WHAT THE HELL!?
I'VE GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT.
YOU'RE THE NEEDLESS HERE!

WH... WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
THEY'RE THE ENEMY HERE...
LIES.
IT WAS KANA'S GROUP.
YOU WERE THE ONES WHO SENT FOR ME, AM I RIGHT?
HUH !?
SAY WHAAAT!?
!
YOU'RE THE RING-LEADER, SOWA!
YOU COMMAND THE PREDATORS!!
SHE'S THE NEEDLESS PULLING THE STRINGS...!
THE ONE WHO HAD SUMMONED US TO PROTECT THE VILLAGE WAS THE OLD MAN IN THE DUNGEONS HE MUSTVE WORKED FOR KANA!
BUT BY THE TIME WE GOT HERE, ALL THE VILLAGERS HAD BEEN HELD CAPTIVE
THEY WERE ALL REPLA-CED!

EVEN THOUGH WE JUST CAME HERE AFTER TAKING THE GUILD'S REQUEST...
YOU KNEW BOTH OF OUR NAMES.
IT WAS RATHER STRANGE.... NORMALLY, THE CLIENT WOULDN'T KNOW WHOM THE GUILD HAS DISPATCHED.
FORGIVE ME. SEEMS WE'VE PUT ON A SECOND-RATE DRAMA.
.....
HEH... HEH... HEH...
WE DO PRETTY KILLER JOBS IN OUR MAIN LINE OF WORK, THOUGH.
VRRRM
NOW THEN... NAME YOUR PRICE.
OF COURSE I LOOKED INTO IT! YOU WERE PROTECTORS FROM THE "OUTSIDE", AFTER ALL!

NO. THAT'S JUST A DISEASE.
YOU FOOL! PEOPLE CAN'T LIVE ON MONEY ALONE!! THEY NEED GIRLFRIENDS! NOT TO MENTION THEY NEED OLDER SISTERS! BUT WHAT THEY NEED MOST ARE YOUNGER SISTERS!!
I'LL SHOW YOU THE TRUE MIGHT OF A NEEDLESS!
THEN PERISH.
NEEDLESS: SOLVA
MAGNETIC WORLD!

OF THE REAPER!
SACRED SWORD
WORLD: MAGNETIC
HERE SHE COMES!
GET KANA SOMEPLACE SAFE!!
GOT IT!!
!!

I SEE... YOU'RE...!
GAH-! THE SWORD!
WHAT JUST HAPP-ENED!?
INDEED.
THIS IS BAD, SETO!! YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO TAKE OFF THOSE METAL PANTIES OF YOURS!!
I'M NOT WEARING ANY!!!
Hee...Hee...
THIS IS MY FRAGMENT! "MAGNETIC WORLD"!
WITHOUT YOUR SWORD, YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN A NORMAL HUMAN!
NOW, DIE.
UWAAAH!! WHAT'RE WE GONNA DOOOO!!!

.....
SETO... I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE INVOCATION OF THE REAPER.
!?
HAHAA!? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING WITHOUT THE REAPER'S SACRED SWORD?
IT'S OVER HERE, REMEMBER?
NO...
IT'S RIGHT HERE.

GRAVITATION!!
GYRO
SO...
SOLVA-SAMA!!!

NOT QUITE...
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT JUST HAPPENED, BUT IT'S AWESOME!
WHA-? WHAT THE HELL!?
YOU ARE A NEEDLESS TOO.
I SEE... THIS REALLY ISN'T A REAPER'S SWORD...
MAGNETIC WINGS..

I'M A NEEDLESS.
RIGHT ON. MY FRAGMENT IS CALLED "GRAVITON".
YOU CHANNEL YOUR FRAGMENT THROUGH THE BLADE TO MAKE IT SEEM AS THOUGH IT'S A REAPER'S SWORD, EH.
HOW STUPID.
EH? THEN WHAT ABOUT THE CURSE ON OUR FOOTPRINTS?
I JUST MESSED WITH THE GRAVITY AROUND YOUR FEET.
IT WAS JUST A TRICK!
BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE A NEEDLESS SOONER?
YEAH, YEAH!
I HAD TO ENSURE THAT MY ENEMY WAS A NEEDLESS.
Fuu...
I COULDN'T USE MY POWER ON ORDINARY PEOPLE.
ON US!!
YOU DID!!

WELL THEN...
PREPARE YOURSELF, SOLVA!
EH-HEH!
I WONDER ABOUT THAT.
MAGNETIC WORLD...
KANA.
EH?

KANA-SAMAAA!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE YOU HIDE.
YOU WON'T ESCAPE MY REACH.
KANA?
HOW!?
EVERYTHING I'M CONSCIOUS OF IN A HUNDRED-METER RADIUS CAN BE DRAWN IN AND CONTROLLED.
DAMN...!
THAT'S MY "MAGNETIC WORLD".
MY MY...
JUST WHO SAID THAT MY MAGNETISM...
WAS THE RUN-OF-THE-MILL KIND?

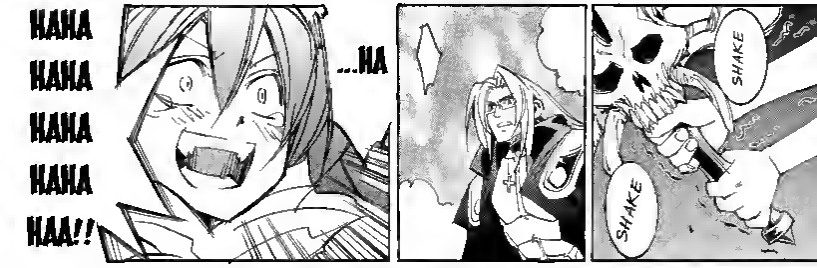
NOW NOW, DON'T MOVE.
ONE WRONG STEP AND WHO KNOWS WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THE CHILD... OH WAIT, I DO!
YOU LOSE.
WORLD: ANTI
MAGNETIC

ANE-SAN!!!
SETO!!!
YOUR WORTHLESS GRAVITY IS NO MATCH FOR MY MAGNETISM!
HA HA HA HA!
IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
WH.. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

NOW... I'LL JUST TAKE A MOMENT TO CLEAR OUT THE TRASH.
IT'LL JUST BE A MOMENT... LIKE WHEN I TOOK CARE OF THIS BRAT'S FATHER!

MAGNETIC
WORLD!!
KANA... YOU SHOULD STAY SILENT AND PRETEND TO BE A NEEDLESS.
IT'S THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT THE VILLAGE YOUR FATHER CREATED...

WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU PUT ON SUCH A FLASHY SHOW YET YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ON YOUR OWN?
EVEN I... CAN...!!


HAHA
HAHA
HAHA
HAHA
HAA!!
...HA
SHAKE
SHAKE

THAT ISN'T A REAPER'S SWORD! IT'S JUST A DULL HUNK OF METAL, RIGHT?
JUST WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO, KANA!? WEREN'T YOU LISTENING?

EH?

I'LL KILL YOU FIRST.
NOTHING WOULD HAPPEN EVEN IF YOU DID BELIEVE...
YOU LITTLE FOOL!
AH... N-NO WAY...
WAAARGH!
WE BEG YOU, RUN!

!!
YOU... WHEN DID YOU...
SHE'S NO FOOL.
PAF
KANA.
I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE INVOCATION OF THE REAPER.
FATHER...?

LOOKS LIKE THE "REAPER" THAT GOVERNS THE LAWS OF THIS BLACK SPOT HAS RECOGNIZED YOU, KANA
NOW
WHAT... IS THIS...
IT CAN'T BE!!
ARE YOU A NEED-LESS?
DO IT, KANA!!
GYRO
GRAVITATION!!

AHAHAHAHA!!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SWORD'S THE REAL DEAL!
BUT SO WHAT!
WE ALREADY KNOW THAT ITS POWER CAN'T BEAT MY MAGNETISM!

KANA-SAMAAAA!!
GAAH! SHE'S PUSHING IT BACK!
TRUE... THIS SWORD'S POWER ALONE WON'T BE ENOUGH TO DEFEAT YOU.
BUT...
WHAT IF WE BOLSTERED IT WITH YOUR MAGNETISM?

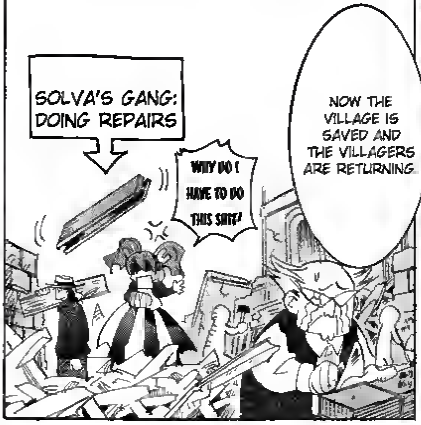
I SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED IT EARLIER
NO
I HAVE NO POWER
BUT?
I HAVE A CERTAIN ABILITY.
MEMO-RIZED!
AND IT...
MAGNE-TISM... WHAT!? IT CAN'T BE!
ARE YOU A NEEDLESS?

MAGNETIC WORLD!
PLUS
GYRO GRAVITATION
ALLOWS ME TO
WOAAAH!
MEMORIZE THE ABILITIES OF OTHERS!
YOU JUST MEMORIZED SETO'S POWER!
YOU SON OF A.... IT REALLY WASN'T A SACRED SWORD!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG
RIGHT NOW, THIS SWORD REALLY IS A SACRED SWORD...
BECAUSE OF THIS GIRL'S COURAGE!

THE SEN-TENCE
IS DEATH!
UWAAAAH!!

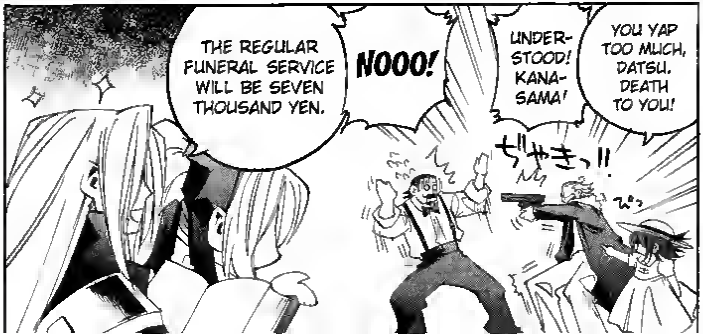
HAAAA
WELL DONE, UNDER-TAKERS.
I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR REWARD.
Finally out!
THIS WAY.
OOOH! BRIGHT AND CHEERY NOW, ARE WE?
WE'LL TAKE IT!
WHOA, HOLD IT KID. WE'RE NOT UNDERTAKERS AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVEN'T REFLECTED AT ALL ON YOUR-

THIS IS WHAT KANA-SAMA WENT SO FAR AS TO DISGUISE HERSELF AS A THIEF TO PROTECT... EVEN WHEN SHE WAS DRIVEN OUT OF THE VILLAGE.
THE TREASURE LEFT BY HER FATHER.
THERE'S STILL LAND LEFT WHERE PLANTS GROW.
THE CONTAMINATION FROM THE RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT OF THE THIRD WORLD WAR WAS LIGHT IN THIS AREA
HUGE!
THEY'VE GOTTEN PRETTY BIG, THANKS TO MUTATION!
THEY'RE CALLED SUNFLOWERS
FLOWERS... IN A BLACK SPOT..


SOLVA'S GANG: DOING REPAIRS
WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THIS SHIT?
NOW THE VILLAGE IS SAVED AND THE VILLAGERS ARE RETURNING.

HEH...
SO NO MONEY, HUH?

RIGHT.
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF KANA-SAMA FROM HERE ON OUT AND GET THE VILLAGE BACK THE WAY IT WAS!
YOU HAVE MY THANKS, UNDER-TAKERS


THE REGULAR FUNERAL SERVICE WILL BE SEVEN THOUSAND YEN.
NOOO!
UNDER-STOOD! KANA-SAMA!
YOU YAP TOO MUCH, DATSU. DEATH TO YOU!
ちゃきっ!!

ADAM BLADE
A RATHER IMPOSING PRIEST
ADAM IS A COMMON NAME AND BLADE SEEMS FITTING HIS REAL NAME HOWEVER, IS UNKNOWN. HIS FRAGMENT IS "ZERO". ONCE HE HAS EXPERIENCED A NEW TECHNIQUE HE CAN MEMORIZE AND USE IT
HE CAN SYNTHESIZE SIMILAR SKILLS THAT HE HAS GAINED AS WELL.
HE PAIRED UP WITH SETO, THE MASTER OF THE SACRED SWORD OF THE REAPER AND WANDERS FROM BLACK SPOT TO BLACK SPOT.

■SOLVA■

SHE IS A NEEDLESS.
HER FRAGMENT IS THE
"MAGNETIC WORLD".

SHE CAN DRAW IN AND MANIPULATE
EVERYTHING SHE IS CONSCIOUS OF
IN A HUNDRED METER RADIUS.

WHEN I THOUGHT UP THIS
CHARACTER'S NAME, IT WAS
LUNCH AND I WANTED TO EAT
SOME ZARU SOBA.

AND JUST WHEN I MEANT
TO SAY "ZARU SOBA", I SAID
"ZARU SOLVA" BY MISTAKE.

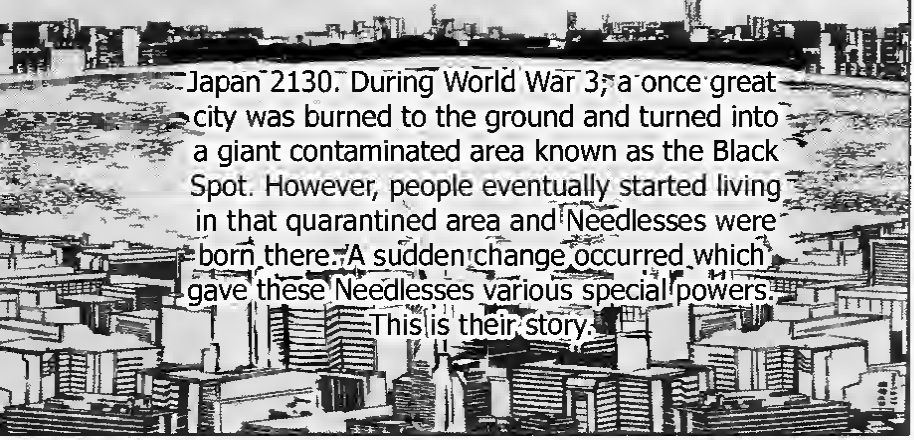
BUT "ZARU SOLVA" SEEMED KIND OF
COOL, SO SOLVA BECAME A NAME.
THE NAMES THAT DON'T BELONG
TO THE MAIN CHARACTERS ARE
THOUGHT UP PRETTY
HALFHEARTEDLY.

SFX Rumble rumble rumble
COME AT ME,
SFX Mutter
TRASH.
そいつの目を開かせてはならない
DON'T LET HIM OPEN HIS EYE.
BOW DOWN BEFORE ME ..
HIS EYE!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN !?
I-IT'S HIS ATTACK ...
NO ONE
...
CAN SEE IT.
OR BE BURNED AWAY
SFX Mutter
SFX Whoosh

SFX Slide
BOSS !!
SFX Wham
Bh !!
Mutter
Mutter
SFX Rumble rumble
IMPOSSIBLE!!
DID HE FIRE SOME KIND OF BULLET !!?
WAIT... ARE YOU...

SFX: Rumble rumble
I CAN SEE IT.
EE!!
GH...
GH...
SFX: Crack crack
I CAN SEE YOUR SINS.
UGYAAAAHHHH!!
SFX: Open

A NEEDLESS!?
ニードレスか!!
SFX: Rumble rumble
NEEDLESS
セカンドサイト
Second Sight


Japan 2130. During World War 3, a once great city was burned to the ground and turned into a giant contaminated area known as the Black Spot. However, people eventually started living in that quarantined area and Needlesses were born there. A sudden change occurred which gave these Needlesses various special powers. This is their story.

WHAT KIND OF FRAGMENT DOES ASHIKI-SAN HAVE? AN INVISIBLE PUNCH?
KHHHH!
NEEDLESSES SURE ARE COOL!!

NO ONE KNOWS THE SECRET OF HIS FRAGMENT.
EH?
WHO KNOWS. HE ISN'T THE TYPE TO HANG AROUND WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

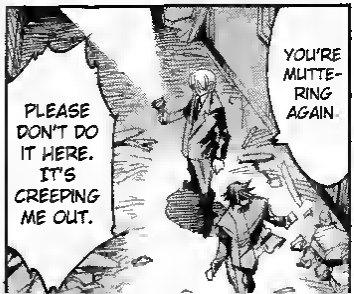
HE'S THE CURRENT HEAD OF MAD DOLL ...
BUT ALL WE KNOW ABOUT HIM IS THAT HE WAS BROUGHT HERE TO THE SOUTHERN BLACK SPOT A FEW YEARS BACK ON THE VERGE OF DEATH.
FOR ALL WE KNOW, WE COULD BE NEXT TO BE DONE IN BY THAT CREEPY FRAGMENT.
TRY NOT TO GET TOO INVOLVED, NEW-COMER!
Open
O-OKAY ...
!
OH, YOU'RE HERE, ASHIKI!!
SFX: Step forward
WHAT DO YOU NEED ...
THAT REQUIRED CALLING ME TO THIS RUN-DOWN DUMP.
AS THE TEAM HEAD, YOU CAN'T JUST STAY TO YOURSELF ALL THE TIME.
AH?
I DON'T GIVE A FUCK ABOUT THE TEAM.
C-CALM DOWN ...

ASHIKI-SAN.
HAVE YOU HEARD THE RUMORS ABOUT THE DESERTED HOUSE IN DISTRICT 3 ?
RUMORS ?
THEY SAY IT'S LIKE A TREASURE TROVE!!
THEY SAY IT WAS HERE IN THE SOUTHERN BLACK SPOT FROM THE BEGINNING AND ITS FILLED WITH FUEL AND AMMO FROM WORLD WAR 3!
DO YOU WANNA COME CHECK IT OUT WITH US, ASHIKI-SAN?
IF THE RUMORS ARE TRUE, WE CAN MAKE THAT PART OF OUR TERRITORY.
ALSO, THE CONTAMINATION IN DISTRICT 3 HAS BEEN REALLY BAD EVEN RECENTLY, SO IT SEEMS NO ONE'S TOUCHED IT.
Twitch
DISTRICT 3 ...

Mutter
Mutter
Mutter
SFX: Rumble rumble

ASHIKI-SAN!!
!

Mutter
Mutter
Cl-Hur
Cl-Hur


YOU'RE MUTTE-RING AGAIN.
PLEASE DON'T DO IT HERE. IT'S CREEPING ME OUT.

OHH!
"Creak"
THIS PLACE HAS BEEN ABANDONED FOR QUITE SOME TIME, SO IT REALLY MUST BE UNTOUCHED !!
THE FURNISHINGS ARE ALL STILL HERE!
!
I FOUND THE BASEMENT!
YES! WELL DONE!
WOW, THE STAIRWAY JUST KEEPS GOING DOWN ...
LIGHT IT UP!
THE TREASURE'S GOTTA BE DOWN HERE!

EH?

SFX: Struggle struggle struggle

SFX: Reach out

!!

GYAAAAHHHH!!!

H-HEY, WHAT IS IT!?

WHA-

Clatter
ARE YOU OKAY!?
ARE YOU O-
kay?
SFX Burst
EEEEEEEEE!!!
!!
SFX Whoosh
SFX Spray
KH!
OOOOOOHHHHH!!
SFX Whoosh whoosh

SFX Impacts
SFX Whoosh whoosh
Clank
Clank
Clank
Clank
Clank
Clank
Pant
Pant
Pant
Pant
SFX Rumble rumble rumble
HEH
HEH HEH HEH
THIS REALY IS A TREASURE TROVE.
IT'S FILLED WITH AMMUNITION FOR ME.

SFX: Rumble rumble rumble
SFX: Step step
.....
THIS IS THE PLACE.
Open
Creak
SFX: Rumble rumble rumble

SOMEONE HAS EXCELLENT TASTE.
.....
Clunk
.....
Stop!
I don't want to kill anyone else!!
I am
a needless part of this world.
People cannot see them
and they kill anyone who gets close.

I cannot ...
be around people.
SFX Emerge
SFX Rumble rumble
THERE YOU ARE!!

Naraka
SFX: Crawl crawl
OH ...
SO YOU'RE POSSESSED BY THE DEAD.
!!!
YOU CAN SEE THEM !?

OPENER ?
YES, I CAN,
OPENER PRINCESS.
YOU ARE THE NEEDLESS THAT OPENS THE DOOR LEADING TO THE UNDER-WORLD.
THOSE SURROUNDING YOU ARE THE ONES WHO CAME OUT WHEN YOU OPENED THE DOOR OF THE DEAD!
SFX Crawl
AH.
YOUR BODY IS BEING EATEN AWAY BY THEM.
!!
Crack
YOU ARE THE OPENER!
BUT YOU CANNOT CONTROL YOUR POWER, SO YOU HAVE BROUGHT OVER TOO MANY OF THE DEAD.
SFX Wet

HEH.
N-NOOOO!!
WH-WHAT DO I DO !?
SFX: Crunch
IT WASN'T ME!!!
YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE!? AFTER ALL THESE PEOPLE YOU'VE KILLED!?
AH HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!
PLEASE HELP ME !!!
I DIDN'T WANT ANY OF THEM TO DIE!!!
!!
SFX Crunch

OKAY. I'LL WIPE YOUR ASS FOR YOU, BUT YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO SPREAD THAT HOLE A LITTLE WIDER FIRST.
!!
SFX Whoosh
Ah...
!
THEN DIE.
N-
NO!!!
Ahh...
I am a needless part of this world

KRISHNA VAITARANI
暗黒冥穴
クリシュナ・バイタラニ
Aaaahh!!!
SFX Boom
SFX Emerge
HEH.
SEE? YOU CAN DO IT.
SFX Emerge
aaaahh!!!

Boy !!
Do not lay a hand on this Needless !!!
EE...
EE!
SO YOU'RE HER GUARDIAN.
"WELCOME TO OUR WORLD!!"
AH!
Aaaah !!
SFX Charge

I CAN SEE THE "HOLE" YOUR HATRED HAS OPENED!!
I CAN SEE IT!!
!!
SFX: Clang
How can a human do that!?
You blocked it!?

!!
THIS HIDDEN EYE CAN CONTROL THE UNSEEN ONES!!
MY FRAGMENT IS SECOND SIGHT!
SFX: Rumble rumble
SFX: Whoosh
SFX: Ooze...
You must not let him ...
open his hidden eye!!
His eye!?
You fool !!

NOOOOOO!!!
Ha ha ha
What good is a crushed eye?
I just need to gouge it out!!
SFX: Stab
A fake eye!?
Bounce
BUT IT'S NOT THAT ONE.
SORRY ...

SFX: Roll roll
Pant
DOCTOR!! IT SEEMS THIS PATIENT WAS FOUND IN DISTRICT 3!!
Pant
SFX: Roll roll
JUST GOING THERE COULD MELT YOUR BRAIN!!
THE FOOL!! THAT AREA IS SO HIGHLY CONTAMINATED!!
N-NO, NOT THAT ...
IS BEYOND SAVING.
YES, I KNOW. HIS RIGHT EYE ...
DOCTOR!! THIS EYE!!
THIS EYE ...!!

SFX Move
IT'S NOT THAT! THIS EYE!!
調伏
EXORCISM
SFX Open

SFX: Rumble rumble
SO I'LL BE...
I WAS ON THE VERGE OF RUNNING OUT OF AMMO ...
Wh-
SFX: Grab
TAKING ALL OF YOU!
喰らってやるぜ!
What!!?
SFX: Absorb
You can absorb the dead!?
Impossible ...
UUH ...
SFX: Slide slide

SFX: Whoosh
SFX: Disappear dis-ever-
EXACTLY.
"Crack"
"Crack"
OOOOOH!!
NHHHHH!

Oh...
Ohhh...
SFX: Thoom
NOW, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ANNIHILATED, BOW DOWN TO ME!!
SWEAR YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO ME!!

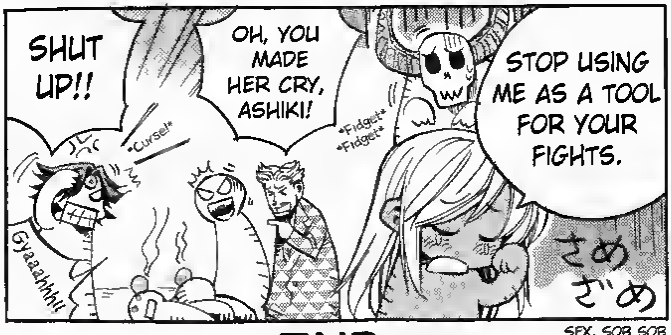
YOU ARE OUR KING!!
あなた様こそ
我々の王!!
SFX: Dramatic

SFX: Reach out
COME.
SFX: Rumble rumble rumble
AHH...
EH?
YOU NO LONGER NEED TO HIDE IN HERE.
AS A NECROMANCER, THE DEAD ARE MY AMMO...
AND YOU CAN SUPPLY THAT AMMO TO ME WITHOUT LIMIT.

Pant
Pant
SFX Run run
O-OH, SHIT!!
Pant
IT'S MAD DOLL ASHIKI !!
Pant
COME FORTH.
COME WITH ME!!
I NEED YOU!!
SFX Shatter
AHHH ...
UUH ...

TH-THAT'S THE INVINCIBLE DUO!
WHAT DO WE DO!?
UM, UM ...
Hoo..
I CAN SEE YOUR SINS.
I CAN SEE IT.
SFX. RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

SFX. WHAM
ミスター
WE'RE SORRRRYYY!!


SHUT UP!!
OH, YOU MADE HER CRY, ASHIKI!
Curse!
Gyaaahhh!
Fidget *Fidget*
STOP USING ME AS A TOOL FOR YOUR FIGHTS.
さめざめ
SFX. SOB SOB

●END●

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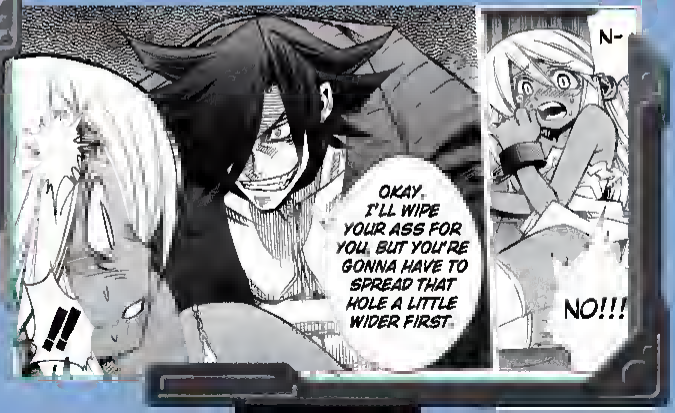
カチーン

PEW PEW
-SCANLATIONS-

TRANSLATION - JSO6
CLEANING KREATURE
TYPESETTING YNOT

- THIS LOOKS LIKE THE PERFECT STARTING POINT FOR A HENTAI DOUJINSHI -



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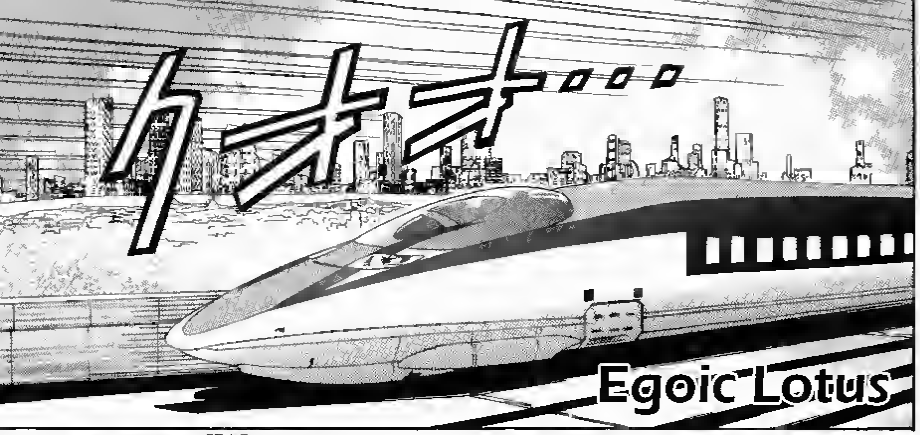
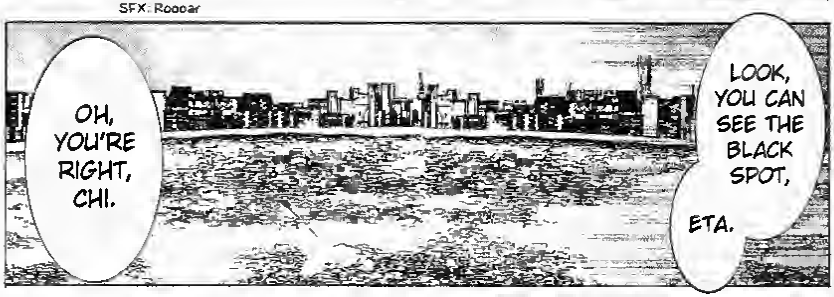


SFX: Roooar



SFX: Soft light

IT IS A BIT SCARY THAT THIS LINEAR MOTOR TRAIN PASSES SO CLOSE TO THE BLACK SPOT. WE AREN'T GOING TO CRASH INTO IT, ARE WE?
Chi
HA HA HA. YOU'RE SUCH A COWARD, ETA.
WE WILL BE FINE.
BARRING SOME MAJOR ACCIDENT.
Eta

SFX: Crash
Gyaaahh!!
Major Accident
NEEDLESS
Egoic Lotus

Black Spot
Cafe Pink Cat
Non-Non
I'M BACK.
OH, WELCOME BACK, AN-AN CHAN.
HOW'D THINGS GO AT THE CRASH SITE?
An-An
WE GOT ALL SORTS OF LINEAR MOTOR TRAIN PARTS.
TAEKA WENT BY THE JUNK SHOP TO SELL THEM.
EXCELLENT.

LET'S SEE ...
Fall out
SFX Rustle
SO WHAT'S IN THE BACKPACK?
OH, JUST A BIT OF THE WRECKAGE.
Pomf
Text Kyaaahhh!!
HAAA HA HA HA!!
EH?
Ahhhh
THROW IT OUT !!
THERE'S A PERSON IN THERE !!
EHH?
IT'S A CORPSE !!
Text Waaahh!!

SFX: Sparkle
SFX: Whoosh
Text Backpack
IMPOVERISHED COMMONERS!!
THANK YOU FOR SAVING US!!
YOU MUST BE CITIZENS !!
IF YOU WERE ON THE LINEAR MOTOR TRAIN THAT CRASHED ...
HE WAS ALIVE?
AHH! SOME WEIRD GUY CAME OUT!!
NOW, YOU SLAVES!!
EXACTLY!! WE ARE ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL THAN THE LIKES OF YOU.

*Citizen: All those who live in the City are known as Citizens

SFX: Stand
……
SLAVES?
ガタッ
I SEEM TO HAVE HURT MY ARM, SO GO CALL A DOCTOR!!
YOUR LEG IS BROKEN.
IT'S ALL LIMP
Thud
Limp
SFX: Draw near
ミリ… ミリ…
EE!
SFX: Rumble rumble
ゴゴゴゴゴ
DON'T YOU THINK, CITIZEN BOY?
YOU MIGHT NEED AN UNDER-TAKER BEFORE A DOCTOR.
N-NO, CHI!! THIS IS THE BLACK SPOT!!
WE'RE GOING TO BE KILLED BY

HEH.
DON'T WORRY, ETA.
AS LONG AS WE HAVE LOVE, WE NEED NOT FEAR.
キュ
ギュ
OH, YOU'RE SO LOVELY, CHI!!
Cling to
Ha ha ha ha
HIS LEGS ARE REALLY TREMBLING.
HIS BODY SURE IS HONEST.
IT'S VIBRA-TING.
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble
YOU HAVE TINY BALLS.
!!
WHAT!?

SFX: Rumble rumble
WAAHH !!
WH-WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!? TALK ABOUT SUSPICIOUS!!
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.
HONESTLY.
Taeka
Personal use
IT WASN'T ENOUGH?
WITH A 39 MONTH LOAN...
Kh.
WHEN I WENT TO SELL THE LINEAR MOTOR TRAIN PARTS, I SPOTTED THIS.
TAEKA! WHAT IS THAT?
WHAT? DON'T TELL ME YOU SPENT EVERYTHING WE MADE.

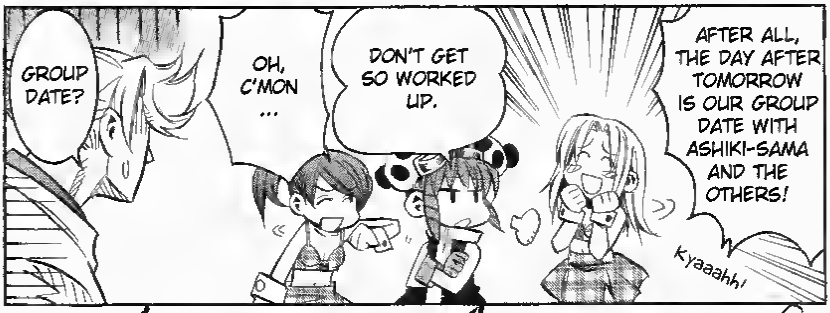
MY DRESS IS GETTING DIRTY!!
HEY!! ENOUGH ABOUT THE STUPID PANDA!!
WHERE'S THE DOCTOR!!
!
YOUR LEFT FIBULA IS FRACTURED AND THE WOMAN ONLY HAS A SPRAIN.
HMPF
SFX Wham
D-DEAL WITH IT ...?
ARE YOU A DOCTOR!? PERFECT! HURRY UP AND HEAL US!!
JUST SUCK IT UP AND DEAL WITH IT.

THIS IS A CAFE.
IF YOU AREN'T GOING TO ORDER ANYTHING, GET OUT!!
WHA-!?

I-I AM INJURED!!
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN WALK!!
SFX Dash
LOOK, A COCKROACH.
Crack!
THEY CAN MOVE AT FULL SPEED.
THAT WAS FAST.
I JUST HEARD A CRACK.

SFX Hold out

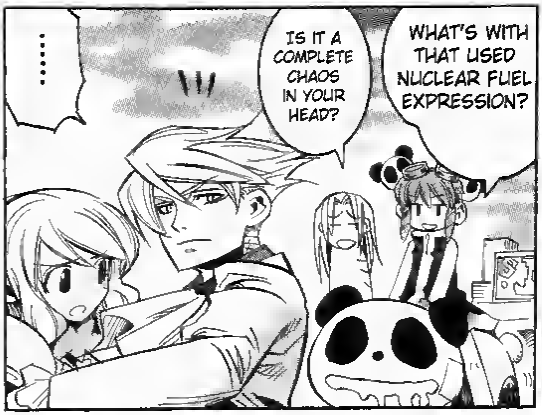
SFX Snap snap


GROUP DATE?
OH, C'MON ...
DON'T GET SO WORKED UP.
AFTER ALL, THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW IS OUR GROUP DATE WITH ASHIKI-SAMA AND THE OTHERS!
kyaaahh!

Text kyaahh kyaahh

FIND MY SON CHI AND THE GIRL EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO USE THE JSDF!!
City
FIND THEM!!
WHAT!?
WE CAN'T. THE HOLE FROM THE ACCIDENT HAS ALREADY BEEN SEALED.
!
THE POLICE CANNOT INTERVENE BEYOND THE WALL.
OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY WAS TO KEEP THE CONTAMINATION OF THE BLACK SPOT FROM ENTERING THE CITY.
NO ...
PLEASE GIVE UP ON CHI AND THE GIRL, SIR.
AS SUCH, THOSE WHO WERE SENT THERE WILL FOREVER BE LOST.

SINKCAIS

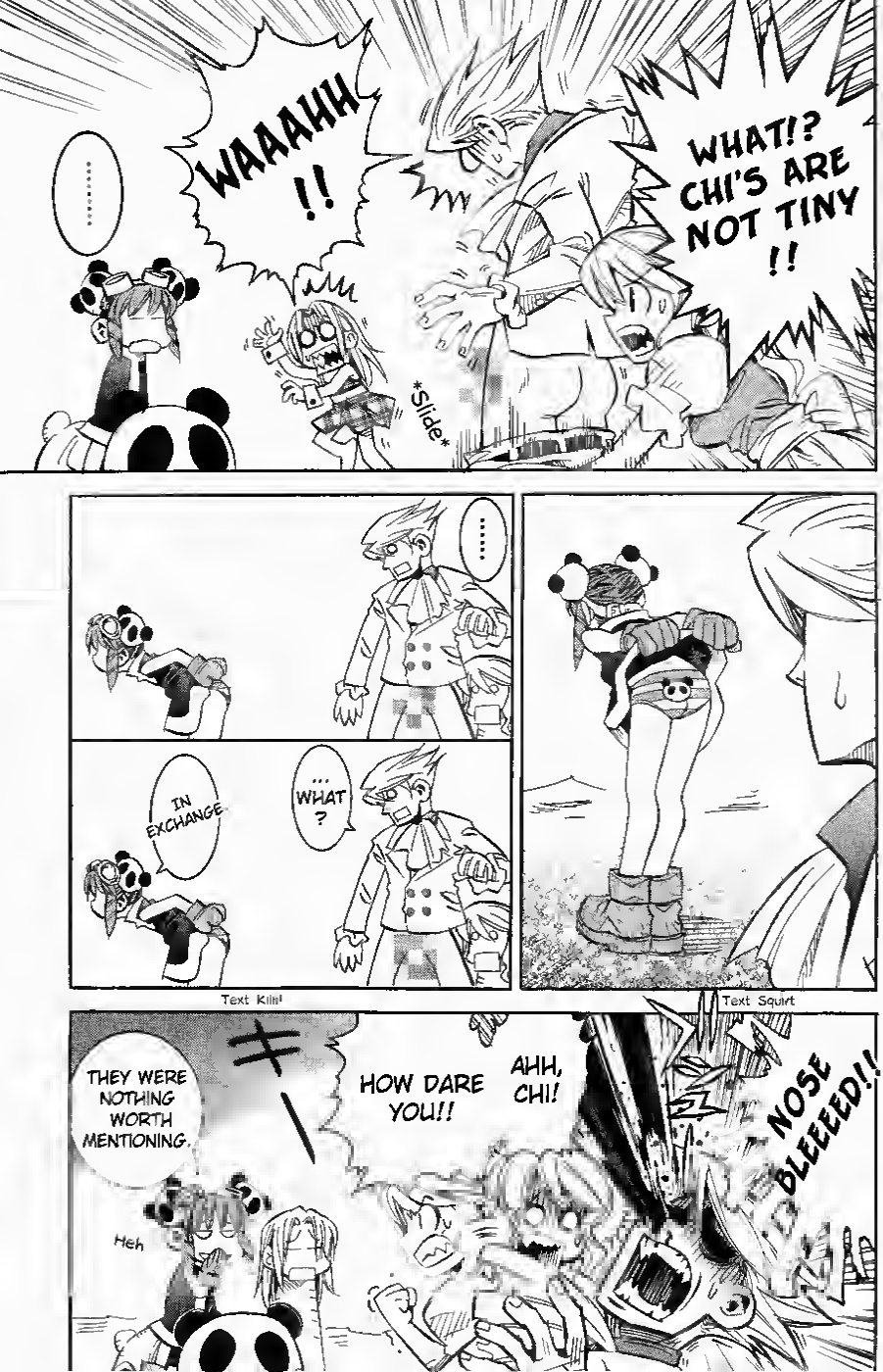

IS IT A COMPLETE CHAOS IN YOUR HEAD?
WHAT'S WITH THAT USED NUCLEAR FUEL EXPRESSION?

SFX Sigh

YOU ARE THE FIRST GIRL
TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME WITH MY MONEY AND GREAT LOOKS.

I HATE GUYS WITH TINY BALLS.

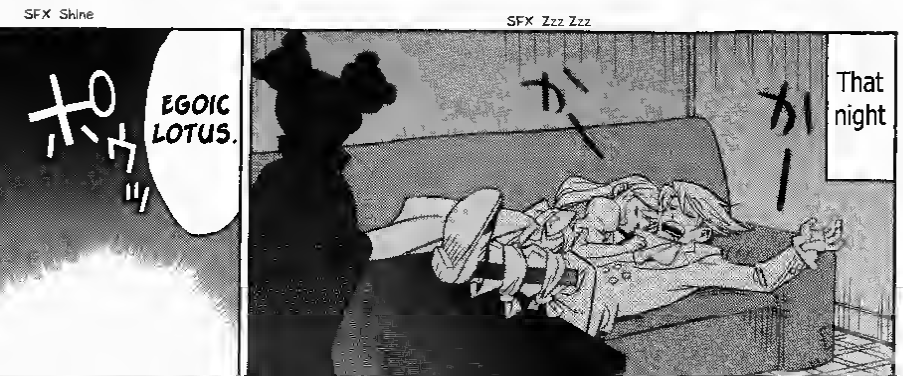
YOU ALL HAVE IT LUCKY. NEEDLESSES ARE STRONG.
HOW CAN YOU LIVE IN A PLACE FILLED WITH TRASH LIKE THIS?


WAAAHH!!
.....
Slide
WHAT!? CHI'S ARE NOT TINY!!
.....
...WHAT?
IN EXCHANGE
Text Kill!
Text Squirt
THEY WERE NOTHING WORTH MENTIONING.
Heh
HOW DARE YOU!!
AHH, CHI!
NOSE BLEEEED!!

.....
NOTHING HERE IS TRULY NEEDLESS.
EH?
POWERS ARE BORN BECAUSE THEY ARE NEEDED.
ONCE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, I WILL SHOW YOU MY FLOWER PETALS.
ISN'T THAT THING NEEDLESS?
Ahh.
Bump
Oh, my
FLOWER PETALS ...?

OH?
!
WE WILL...
LEAVE TOMORROW AS YOU WISH.
ANYWAY ...
IT LOOKS LIKE OUR ONLY OPTION IS TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO A GUARD AT ONE OF THE GATES.
BUT CAN YOU WALK WITH THAT LEG, CHI?
... I'LL TRY,
ETA.
WHEN I CAN NO LONGER WALK, PLEASE SUPPORT ME...
AND WHEN YOU CAN WALK, PLEASE SUPPORT ME.
キラ キラ
I WILL.
SO BASICALLY HE CAN'T WALK AT ALL.
YUP.
キラ キラ

SFX Sparkle sparkle sparkle

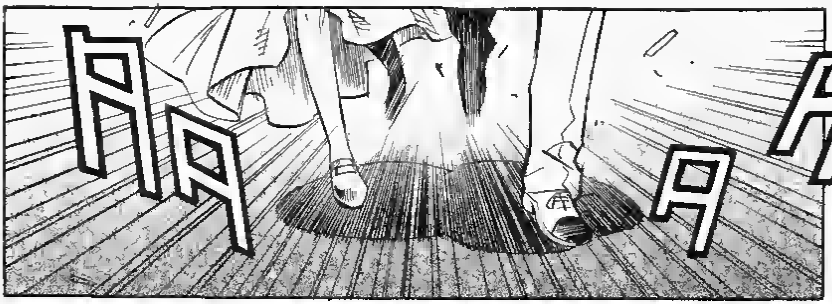


The next day
SHE HEALED IT FOR YOU? THAT'S GOOD.
!
IS HEALED !?
MY INJURY ...
I JUST DON'T WANT THEM SETTLING DOWN HERE.
SO YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE GROUP DATE AFTER ALL.
IF YOU'RE HEALED, GET OUT. YOU'RE IN THE WAY.
Y-YOU DID THIS? BUT HOW?
SFX Shock
PANDAS?
H-HOW DID YOU KNOW !?
these
She was dressing up?
YOU MADE NEW PANDAS FOR THE GROUP DATE!!
HEH HEHHN. WELL, I KNOW ...
A SECRET.

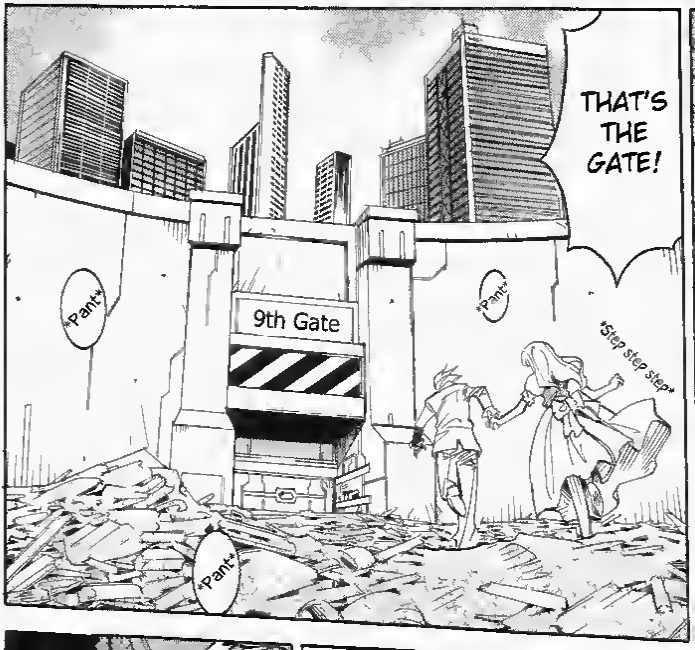
I APOLOGIZE FOR CALLING YOU NEEDLESS.
ANYWAY, YOU HAVE OUR THANKS!!
LET'S GO, ETA!!
YES.

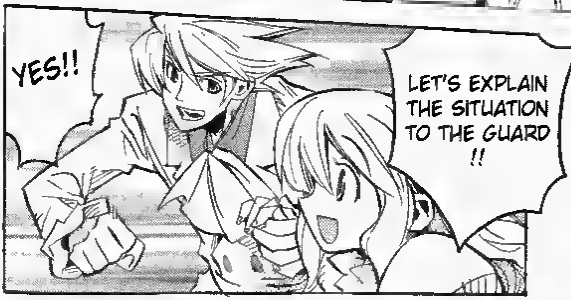
SFX Step

HOO.
THE SUPER ELECTRO-MAGNETS ON ONE SIDE HAD BEEN SET TO SWITCH ON A TIMER.
I NOTICED SOMETHING WHEN TAKING APART THE LINEAR MOTOR TRAIN
SO... SOMEONE MANUFACTURED THAT ACCIDENT.
I WONDER ...
NOW, LET'S FINISH OUR PREPA-RATIONS!
WHAT?
For the group date



SFX Step step step





Y-
KYAAHH!! WHO ARE YOU!?
YOU DIED IN THAT TRAIN ACCIDENT.
SFX Step forward
ARE YOU HERE TO SAVE ME?
YOU'RE MY FATHER'S SECRETARY !!
YOU JUST FIGURED THAT OUT, MR. NEXT-IN-LINE?
THAT ACCIDENT WAS MEANT TO KILL US!?
!!
YOU MEAN ...
IT'S TOO BAD OUR SABOTAGE TO THE TRAIN WAS A WASTE.
Tap
SFX Dramatic

SFX. Pull out
YOU WOULD NEVER RETURN TO THE CITY.
WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE ...
OH, WE JUST GAVE THE GATE GUARD A LITTLE BRIBE.
YOU'RE CITIZENS. WHY ARE YOU HERE ?
SFX. Aim
THE NEXT PRESIDENT ...
OF THE PINWORM INSPECTION SHEET COMPANY WILL BE ME!!
AH.
Powers are born because they are needed
SFX. Tremble tremble
Wh-
What do I do?
UUH ...
UUH ...
KYAAH!!

Snap
OOOHHH!
AHH, CHI!
I-I THINK MY LEG IS BROKEN ...
Weak
THAT'S YOUR ARM.
NOW ...
SFX Gush gush
TIME FOR YOU TO DIE.
SFX Dramatic
IT SEEMS YOUR BALLS HAVE GROWN A BIT.
!!
I'm done for...
Dammit

SFX: Dramatic
T-
TAEKA-SAN!!
Personal use
Hide
SFX: Dramatic
WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
IF YOU PROTECT HIM, YOU WON'T GET OFF EASY!!
THAT WAS FAST.
Gyaahh!
Gyaahh!
HA HA HA!! IT'S OVER FOR YOU NOW!!

YOU HAVE TINY BALLS.
WHAT WAS THAT, YOU BITCH?
!!
AH?
SFX: Charge
I'LL SHOW YOU WHETHER THEY'RE SMALL OR NOT!!
IT'S RAPING TIME!
HEH.
EH?
IF YOU WANT TO SEE THEM THAT BADLY ...
I WILL SHOW YOU MY FLOWER PETALS.
Glow
SFX Wham
!

SFX: Shink
MY POWER IS EGOIC LOTUS.
A FLOWER IS APPEARING FROM HER BODY?
WHAT !?
SFX Glow
AND ...
THIS IS ITS PRIMARY USE.
BASICALLY, SHE IS A QI USER AND HEALING WOUNDS IS A SIDE EFFECT OF THAT QI.
WH-WHAT IS GOING ON!?

OPEN, LOTUS FLOWER

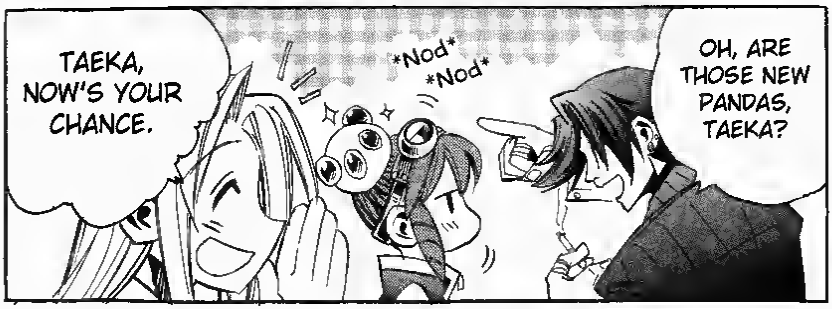
開け蓮の華

THIS FLOWER ...
ONLY OPENS FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE I FEEL TRULY NEED IT.
BUT IT WILL OPEN NOW.
SFX: Rumble rumble rumble
SFX: Flutter
SFX: Flash

SFX: Boom
ロータス!!
EGOIC LOTUS
エゴイックロータス
DISTANCE!?
YOU'RE A HUNDRED MILLION LIGHT YEARS TOO FAR AWAY TO BEAT ME! KYAHHH!
THERE'S A HOLE IN THE WALL!!
YES!!
SFX: Crumble crumble crumble
ガラ
WAH!
Kyahh!
ガラ
Aaahhh!!

Text Ah ha ha ha
はっ
はっ
はっ
ピカ
ピカ
SFX Sparkle sparkle
あっ
Closed for the day
Yay
Yay
The day of the group date

Yay
Yay
Yay
HEHH ... SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.
YEAH. THEY GOT HOME IN THE END.
NON-NON CHAN, DO YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND ?
ABOUT 50,000 OF THEM.
WOOOWW!


TAEKA, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE.
Nod
Nod
OH, ARE THOSE NEW PANDAS, TAEKA?

IT'S FROM THEM.
WHAT IS IT?
TAEKA!
A PACKAGE FOR YOU JUST FELL FROM AN AIRPLANE.
TAEKA
Heavy
DO YOU THINK IT'S A THANK YOU GIFT?
Unwrap
Unwrap
HEH. SO THEY DO HAVE SOME SENSE.
SFX Rrrrr
SFX Rooaar
SFX Rumble rumble
UP THERE !!
IT'S THEM.
TAEKA-SAAAN!
Mad
Wha-...?
RACCOON

SFX Roooar
DO YOU LIKE OUR THANK YOU GIFT?
YOU LIKE GIANT BALLS, RIGHT, TAEKA-SAN?
SFX Roooar
SFX Shock
BALLS?
TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT!
Ah
EGOIC LOTUS
SFX Flash
GOOD, MORE LINEAR MOTOR TRAIN PARTS FOR US.
I THINK MY ARM IS BROKEN
AHH, CHI!!
Crumble crumble
Text Hoo hoo

●END●

Afterword

HELLO, THIS IS IMAI KAMI. THANK YOU FOR READING NEEDLESS ZERO
WHAT DID YOU THINK OF IT?

THIS BOOK COLLECTED THE NEEDLESS ONE-SHOTS PUBLISHED IN ULTRA JUMP
LOOKING BACK, THEY WERE PRETTY BAD. IF I WAS GOING TO REDO THEM, I COULD GIVE
THEM BETTER ART, BUT I DON'T WANT TO DESTROY THE ENERGY I HAD BACK THEN.
IT ISN'T THAT I DON'T HAVE TIME WITH ALL THE OTHER DEADLINES I HAVE TO MEET
OR ANYTHING. REALLY.

I AM REALLY BAD AT THINKING UP SHORT STORIES. I USUALLY GO IN THINKING I CAN
DO IT IN 32 PAGES AND END UP NOT EVEN COMING CLOSE TO BEING ABLE TO FIT THE
WHOLE STORY IN. I ALSO HAVE AN ODD INSISTENCE THAT I DO NOT START IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE STORY OR END PARTWAY THROUGH EITHER. I FORCE MYSELF TO WRITE
A MANGA WITH A FULL STORY STRUCTURE INCLUDING A PLOT TWIST. CHA HAO
AS SUCH, A ONE-SHOT WITH LIMITED PAGES IS SOMETHING LIKE MY NATURAL ENEMY
BUT LOOKING BACK, HAVING TO CUT SO MUCH OUT GAVE THE INFORMATION IN EACH
PAGE A GREAT AMOUNT OF ENERGY. I ALSO THINK CUTTING OUT ALL THE
UNNECESSARY SCENES IMPROVED THE TEMPO AND SENSE OF SPEED IN THE STORY.
THESE MANGA ARE ALL POORLY MADE AND IMPERFECT, BUT I AM GLAD YOU TOOK
THE TIME TO READ THEM.

A LOT OF THINGS FROM THESE ONE-SHOTS WERE LEFT OUT, AND I WOULD STILL
LIKE TO WRITE A MANGA THAT CONNECTS THESE SHORT STORIES TOGETHER ONE DAY.
I HOPE YOU STICK WITH MY WORK IN THE FUTURE TOO.

Imai Kami

2004.1.19

FOR MORE DETAILED BEHIND-THE-SCENES INFORMATION ON EACH MANGA,
PLEASE CHECK OUT MY POORLY MADE SITE: HTTP://IMAIKAMI.COOL.NE.JP/

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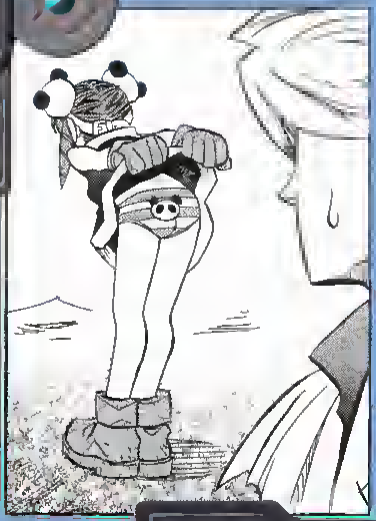

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